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From Lamis Andoni

in Baghdad

SAUDI ARABIA has

given the right to host the

next ordinary Arab summit

to Egypt, according to

They said that during

Tuesday's closed session of

the emergency Arab sum-

mit here, the Arab leaders

decided to hold regular

summits at the new Arab

League headquarters in

Egypt unless another coun-

try was ready to host

emergency summits as and

"At that point the Saudis

announced that the next

ordinary Arab summit will

be held in Egypt," an offi-

Saudi Arabia was chosen

as the venue for the next

regular Arab summit when

the last regular summit was

held in 1982 in the Morro-

can city of Fez. But since

then Arab differences and

urgent issues have compel-

led the convening of five

extra-ordinary Arab sum-

mits; Casablanca (1985),

Amman (1987), Algiers

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#### Japan slams israel's brutality

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AMMAN (J.T.) — In an address to the Amman Rotary Club meeting Tuesday, Tadayuki Nonoyama, Japanese ambassa-dor to Jordan, said the May 20 massacre of eight Palestinians by an Israeli gunman was a brutul act. He also denounced the excessive reaction by the Israeli authorities to the subsequent situation which caused heavy additional casualties in the occupied territories. He said that the root cause of these incidents was the fact that peace in the Middle East that peace in the day and the three principles of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 had not been implemented. He urged Israel to withdraw from all the territories it occupied since 1967 nt it and to seek a just, lasting and day a comprehensive peace in the Midd Cos die East.

#### Me Vatican trying to mediate in: Mideast conflict

ROME (R) - The Vatican is trying to mediate in the Arab-Israeli conflict and arrange peace talks, according to Michel Sab-bah, Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem."The Catholic church is now trying the road on international diplomatic mediation with the objective of summoning a peace conference," he said in an interview to be published Wednesday by the Italian Catholic weekly Famiglia Cristiana. Transcripts of the interview were made available to Reuters Tuesday. "It (the Vatican) is in contact with all the powers which can influence Israelis and Palestimans to arrive at peace," added Sab-bah, the first Arab to be patriarch of Jerusalem.

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#### israei to cut. water supplies

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel will cut water supplies to all consumers after an unusually dry winter, water commissioner Zemah Ishai said. Added to an earlier reduction, the new cut means that some areas of Israel will receive 20 per cent less than their usual annual supply. Agriculture, which uses more than 70 per cent of the country's water, will be the hardest hit, Ishai said. He said that unless farmers used sewage water, instead of fresh water, for. irrigation they would have no choice but to drop citrus crops, long a key Israeli export. Some government officials and experts say water use should be trimmed a by twice as much. But Ishai said the cutback would ensure that en a reservoir levels did not fall too ja# low

#### De Klerk postpones U.S trip

CAP TOWN (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk said Tuesday he bas postponed his visit to the United States to avoid controversy over whether he or Afritroversy over whether he or Afrileader Nelson Mandela would meet first with the American president. Neither the United States nor the South African goveriment had announced a date for de Klerk to meet President George Bush in Washington. U.S. media had reported a date of June 18. Black American organisations and the ANC office in Washington said it was a snub for Bush to meet De Klerk before meeting Mandela, due to arrive in the United States June 20.

#### East and West sign charter for bank

PARIS (R) - Finance Ministers from East and West signed Tuesday the charter of a new bank to help reconstruct the tattered economies of Eastern Europe, launching what French President François Mitterrand called an historic mission. Forty nations, including the United States, Japan and the Soviet Union signed articles of agreement for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), setting the seal on eight ments of at times heated negotiations. Mitterrand described the bank as a major new international institution which would link East and West now that the formerly communist states of Eastern Europe were finally free to choose their own destiny.

## S. Arabia will not abandon Jordan **Prince Faisal**

From Lamis Andoni in Bashdad

A SENIOR Saudi Arabian official said Tuesday that his country would continue its support for Jordan amid reports that the Gulf states have decided against any new commitment for annual fixed financial aid to the Kingdom and the Palestinians in the occupied territor-

"We will not abandon Jordan," Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal said. "This will be included in the summit's resolutions," he told the Jordan

Arab officials said a meeting of the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Tuesday morning decided to support Jordan but not to make a collective commitment for annual financial aid to any party, including Jordan and the Palestinians.

"They decided to leave it to

(ACC) welcomed the newly un-

ranks. Tuesday in place of the

Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and North

Yemen set up the ACC in Febru-

ary last year but North Yemen

week to form the new state.

eed with South Yemen 18

The heads of state of the four

countries — His Majesty King

Hussein and Presidents Saddam

Hussein of Iraq, Hosni Mubarak

defunct North Yemeni state.

ited Yemeni Republic into its Arab summit in Baghdad.

bilateral agreements between each GCC country and the concerned recipient," said one offi-

Prince Faisal refused to disclose any specific details about Saudi financial aid to Jordan but other political sources said that Riyadh will give \$650 mil-lion in financial aid to the King-

The figure could not be confirmed but other Arab delegations said that none of the Gulf states was ready to make a commitment of any specific fi-

In a speech to the summit Monday, His Majesty King Hussein called for immediate financial help to Jordan to enable the Kingdom to counter Israel's threats.

Asked if Riyadh was ready to make annual commitments to Iordan or the Palestinians, the Sandi foreign minister smiled and said: "You shall read everything in the final communi-

**ACC** formally welcomes

new Yemen into its ranks

Yemen before the merger.

BAGHDAD (Agencies) - The of Egypt and Ali Abdullah Saleh deep satisfaction over Yemeni

Arab Cooperation Council of Yemen — took part in the unity, describing it as a great

ceremony on the sidelines of an

Saleh was president of North

ACC Secretary General Helmi

n would take place in Bach

dad on Oct. 22. Foreign ministers fora.

Nammar told a news conference

that the grouping's next regional

would hold a preparatory meet-

Hussein voiced happiness and

At Tuesday's meeting, King

ing in Amman on Sept. 8.

oue (of the summit)." Prince Faisal also refused to

state his country's poisition on pledges made at the 1988 Algiers summit and reiterated at the Casablanca summit in 1989 to extend financial support for the Palestinian intifada. "We shall discuss all of these issues at the final session tonight," he said as he was walking out of Hotel Rashid to the conference hall.

Pressed by the Jordan Times to answer whether there was a Saudi decision regarding Jordan, the prince said: "His Majesty King Hussein has made the point very clear (concerning the situation in Jordan), and we do understand the situation."

Political sources expected the final session to witness heated debates on the financial aid issue since host Iraq is leading a campaign to secure financial help for Jordan and the intifa-

national and pan-Arab achieve-

The King expressed hope that

the united Yemen would serve as

a step on the path of achieving

Arab unity and integration and

pledged Jordan's full support for

King Hussein said that the

"Arab Nation and the whole

world has started to live a new era

of Arab history."



His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday meets with King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia on the

fringes of the Arab samunit in Baghdad (Petra

## Most resolutions endorsed; logjam remains over U.S.

From Lamis Andoni in Baghdad

ARAB LEADERS gathered here for an emergency summit Tuesday endorsed most of the draft resolutions but differences persisted on the nature and wording of a proposed reply to an American memorandum to the Arab League and resolutions referring to the U.S., summit sources said.

Officials said that the summit, which was extended until Wednesday to conclude all its deliberations, had abandoned the idea of sending a memorandum to U.S. President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev who are scheduled tomeet in Washington Thursday.

According to summit sources, it appeared almost certain that an Egyptian proposal to rid the Middle East of nuclear and chemical weapons would be dropped after opposition from Iraq and its supporters at the conference of the 21 members of the Arab League who are meeting here to discuss the threats inherent in Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel and the Iraqi-Israeli nuclear/chemical

stand-off. The sources told the Jordan Times that in a closed session Tuesday, the Arab leaders endorsed draft resolutions calling for increased support for the intifada, rejecting Israeli claims that "united Jerusalem" is its "eternal, indivisible capital, denouncing Israel's policy of settling immigrants in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and

Hurd

today

arrives

By a Jordan Times

Staff Writer

AMMAN — British Foreign Secret-

ary Douglas Hurd arrives here

Wednesday on a two-day visit during which Jordanian leaders will discuss

with him the latest situation in the

Middle East and the stalled peace

process in the region.
"Mr. Hurd's visit was in the cards

for a long time," said a British embas-sy official. "The invitation was ex-

tended to Mr. Hurd by (Deputy Prime Minister and) Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem some time back,"

added the official, speaking on condi-

tion of anonymity.

According to the official, the Brit-ish minister is "not carrying any new

ideas or plans" to advance the peace process, but "will listen to the Jorda-

nian views on the situation." Anglo-

Jordanian relations in various fields

are also expected to be discussed

late in the evening, is expected to hold talks with Prime Minister Mudar

Badran, Foreign Minister Oasem as well as Parliament speakers and members. It was not clear Tuesday

when the meetings would be held since both the prime minister and

foreign minister are currently in Baghdad and expected to return

home late Wednesday or early Thurs-

day after the conclusion of an

emergency Arab summit in the Iraqi

According to the British embassy

official, Hurd may also be received by

His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Has-

The British minister leaves Ammao

Hurd, who is scheduled to arrive

during the minister's talks here.

urging the deployment of international forces to protect the Palestinians living in the occupied territories.

According to the sources, the Arab leaders remained divided over whether the summit should clearly endorse a decision to pressure the United States to change its position on the Palestinian problem and other Arab causes, or to keep the door open for "further efforts for mutual understanding."

In his keynote address to the summit, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein clearly called on the Arab leaders to adopt a tough position towards Washington "if it did not prove its friendship with the Arab World-2-But, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak mounted a campaign in the opposite direction urging the Arab leaders "not to allow the issue of Soviet Jewish immigration to be a to resolutions instead of sending source of conflict with one or

more country." During Tuesday's closed session, the sources said, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia strongly sup-ported the Egyptian push. "The Saudis were even more pressing in their reservations over any move to mount Arab pressure on the U.S. or any other country," said a source. "They argued that such pressures might backfire,"

according to the source. However, Mubarak intervened to support the argument that "some form of pressure be applied provided that such pressure does not antagonise the U.S. or any other country," said the

nian and Arab rights," officials

the main reason behind the decision not to send written memoranda to Bush and Gorbachev. The summit would confine itself such memos, the official said.

approach to the United States was sparked by a 16-page memo that the administration sent to the Arab League prior to the convening of the summit. The memo criticised what the U.S. sees as a threatening military build-up but considered by the Arabs as Iraq's legitimate right to develop its military technology and urged that anti-American rhetoric be excluded from any of the summit resolutions or the final communi-

This appeared to have infuriated President Saddam Hussein, (Continued on page 5)

Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), meanwhile, pursued their drive for a tougher position towards the U.S. "if Washington continued its support for Israel and persisted in its disregard for Palesti-

While Egypt and Saudi Arabia sought to avoid any explicit negative reference to the United States in the final communique of the summit, Iraq and the PLO were aiming at such an objective and the endorsement of a resolution which "upholds the military option" to resolve the Middle East conflict, said an official, who asked that he not be identified.

- These differences were seen-as

The wrangle over the Arab

in Baghdad, which opened Monday. Political analysts believe that the Saudi decision reflected the growing coordination between Riyadh and Cairo, both of whom strongly opposed

confrontation with the U.S. at the Baghdad summit. But other Arab officials said that Riyadh was also trying to avoid hosting an Arab summit as long as Arab differences prevailed, especially between Iraq and Syria. In the past the Saudis

have clearly refused to host any summit prior to "solving the various inter-Arab

### Muharak and Republic of Yemen President Ali The four leaders of the Arab Cooperation Council - His Majesty King Hussein, Iraqi President Abdullah Saleh in Baghdad Tuesday (Petra Saddam Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni

## Gorbachev calls for help in creating new Europe

OTTAWA (Agencies) — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, looking relaxed and smiling despite his domestic worries, started a visit to Canada Tuesday with an appeal to Western nations to help

him create a new Europe. "We want to be partners with Canada and other Western nations in building a new European home," Gorbachev said in an arrival speech at Ottawa's Uplands Air Force Base.

The Soviet president, on a brief and low-key visit to Canada ahead of a summit meeting with President George Bush, showed little outward signs of the gruelling schedule he has kept in the past week to deal with mounting

troubles at home. Even as he flew to Canada. Gorbachev suffered another blow with the news that his bitter critic Boris Yelrsin had been elected president of the Russian Federation, the Soviet Union's largest

republic (see page 8).

Gorbachev had four hours of talks scheduled with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the two were expected to focus mainly on ported.

international issues. Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa.

red-coated Royal Canadian Mounted Policemen to be greeted by Governor General Ray Hnatyshn and Mulroney.

"This is a time of dramatic change in the world," Gorbachev said, noting that he and the prime minister would cover a wide range of subjects, including developments in Europe and the

"It is our hope that this Soviet-Canadian summit will bring us to a new level of cooperation," said Corbachev.

Mulroney met Gorbachev just six months ago when he made the first official visit to the Soviet Union by a Canadian prime minister in 18 years. It is Gorbachev's second visit to Canada. but his first as Soviet leader. He visited the country in 1983 when he was agriculture secretary. Gorbachev left Moscow

accompanied by officials including Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze and Deputy Premier Yuri Maslyukov, the official Soviet news agency TASS re-

He arrived in Ottawa at midday and planned to go directly to stepped down from their Hyushin a private hunch at the prime 

ter, Gorbachev was to meet Governor-General Hnatyshyn, the appointed representative of Oneen Elizabeth II.

Wednesday is to feature a wreath-laying ceremony at the national war memorial followed by another meeting with Mulroney. A brief news conference with Mulroney is to precede Gorbachev's departure for Washing-

The relatively light schedule during his 29-hour stopover in Ottawa should give Gorbachev and his entourage an opportunity to adapt to the eight-hour time change before their arrival in Washington late Wednesday.

Both Soviet and Canadian officials insisted there were substantive international issues to be discussed during Gorbachev's stopover in Canada.

Canadian foreign policy experts say they are interested in the Soviet view of the new Europe, the changing roles of alliances like the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the more prominent roles of organisations like the 35-member Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.



Donglas Hurd

for Saudi Arabia Thursday evening. He will hold a press conference be-

It will be the first visit of Hurd to Jordan after switching over to the Foreign Office portfolio from the Home Office to succeed Geoffrey Howe who left the cabinet of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in a

British generally supports Jordan's stand towards the Middle East conflict, and through the European Community (EC) supports the call for an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict with the participation of all parties involved, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and the five permanent mem-bers of the U.N. Security Council. Following the PLO's November 1988 recognition of Israel and renun-

ciation of terrorism, the British goverament upgraded its contacts with the organisation. Bassam Abu Sharif. a senior aide to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, visited London on several occasions since then and met with British government officials. But a meeting between Thatcher and Arafat has not yet taken place.

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## Israelis attack Arabs; mother of 10 killed in Nablus

(Agencies) — Dozens of Israeli vouths Tuesday stoned cars belonging to Palestinians and shouted "Death to the Arabs" following the funeral of an Israeli killed in a bomb attack.

The man was killed in Monday's bomb blast in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market. Responsibility for the attack was claimed in anonymous telephone calls to news agencies by two Palestinian groups.

The car stonings erupted despite a heavy policy presence it lasted some 90 minutes before police dispersed the protesters.

About a dozen Arab cars were stoned and some had their windows shattered, but there were no reports of injuries. During the incident, police turned back Arab motorists and detained two Israeli vouths.

The stonings began about 15 minutes after a procession of several hundred Israelis went to the cemetery where the victim of Monday's pipe-bomb explosion was buried. Nine other Israelis were injured in the blast.

Faisal Al Husseini, a prominent Palestinian leader, condemned the pipe-bomb attack and said the PLO was not behind it. "It don't know who carried out this attack but I condemn any attack against citizens whoever they may be and I condemn whoever stands behind this attack," he told re-

In an anonymous call to a Western news agency in Jerusalem, a man who spoke in Ara-

bic claimed responsibility for the bombing in the name of the Islamic Jihad fundamentalist group. The caller said the bombing was in revenge for the May 20 massacre of eight Arab labourers by an Israeli gunmen. "Israel still

doesn't understand any other lan-

guage except fire and steel," the

Islamic Jihad claimed the Feb. 4 attack on a tourist bus in Egypt in which nine Israelis died and 21 were wounded.

Monday's blast was also claimed by a Damascus-hased Palestinian faction headed by Abu Musa, who broke away from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

In the West Bank town of Nablus, Arab reportes said a 42-year-old Palestinian housewife died Tuesday after being wounded the day before by an army bullet while cleaning her house.

Neighbours told reporters Budor Karada, the mother of 10 children ranging in age from three to 22, was struck in the nose by a rubber-coated metal bullet that came through the window.

They said soldiers had opened fire on Palestinians who ambushed a patrol with stones near the house in the Ras Al Ain

## Hussein, Rafsanjani may hold face-to-face talks on Gulf peace

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani could meet for face-to-face peace talks to formally end the Gulf war in the next few weeks, a senior PLO official reported Tuesday.

Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat will fly to Tehran this week, pursuing a bid to set up direct peace talks and end a rift between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

'The chairman will go to Tehran immediately after the Arab summit," expected to end in Baghdad Wednesday at the latest, one Palestinian official

"Barring last-minute complications, direct summit talks between Saddam and Rafsanjani will be under way after a month," he noted.

Tehran Radio, monitored in Cyprus, earlier Tuesday quoted Iranian Parliament Speaker Mehdi Karrubi as saying that Saddam and Rafsanjani may meet, but he gave no time frame.

The PLO official disclosed that Arafat, attending an Arab summit in Baghdad, has sent two messages to Iran's supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, and Rafsanjani in recent days, urging them to respond "quickly and positively" to Iraq's offer for direct peace talks.

He said Palestine Liberation nationally recognised boundaries, an exchange of prisoners, and dredging the Shatt Al Arab

Waterway of war debris. The waterway, formed by the confluence of the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers, forms the southern boundary between the two coun-

Iraq's claim over the strategic waterway was the main stumbling block in peace talks which began

five days after the ceasefire. Four rounds of United Nations-sponsored talks, the last in April 1989, have failed to break that deadlock.

According to press reports in Tehran and Kuwait, the Iraqi letters concede for the first time that the sovereignty of the Shatt Al Arab is negotiable.

Baghdad says it abrogated 1975 treaty that drew the border down the middle of the waterway, giving Iran full navigation rights for the first time.

Iran insists the treaty is still valid and insists that Baghdad withdraw its troops from Iranian territory captured in the closing stages of the war.

In Baghdad, where Arab lead-The resolution calls for the ers are holding an emergency withdrawal of both sides to inter- summit, diplomats reported from an Islamic alliance against said.

Tuesday that the indirect dialogue between Saddam and Rafsaniani has raised hopes that a

neace treaty will soon be agreed. They quoted Rafsanjani as telling Saddam that Iran would support Iraq if Israel attacked Iraq.

The Soviet Union has offered to host direct negotiations between Iran and Iraq, outside the framework of the United Nations. Both have indicated willingness to accept the offer, the diplomats said.

Rafsanjani and Saddam both are under pressure to reach an accommodation.

Iran needs stability to carry out massive reconstruction and revitalise its economy. Since Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini died last June, Tehran has quietly dropped its demands for massive war reparations and an Iraqi admission it started the war in September 1980 by invading Iran.

Iraq needs to reopen its major port at Basra on the Shatt Al Arab. closed since the war began, and is under domestic pressure to reach an agreement that will bring back its 50,000 prisoners of

Another spur toward reviving the peace talks is Iraq's fear that Israel plans to launch pre-emptive strikes against Baghdad's burgeoning military might.

Press reprots in the Middle East said Saddam suggested to Rafsaniani that the two countries

Iraq and Iran have agreed that the U.S. military presence in the volatile Gulf region is a threat to their security and should be removed. Arab diplomats said Tuesday.

The diplomats, insisting on anonymity, said that the two countries reached agreement in a recent exchange of letters between their leaders.

Officials gathered in Baghdad for the Arab summit believe that the perceived threat posed by Israel is acting as a catalyst that pears to be edging Gulf war foes Iran and Iraq toward a peace

Saddam, apparently prompted by a concerted campaign by Israel and the West against him, has sent two letters to the Tehran leadership in the last month.

He noted his concern about a possible pre-emptive Israeli strike against Iraq amid Western accusations Baghdad is amassing a major arsenal of long-range missiles and chemical weapons and is seeking to building a longrange "super gun" capable of firing rocket-boosted shells capable of hitting Israeli cities.

He mentioned the possibility that U.S. warships patrolling the Indian Ocean and the Gulf might be used as a launching pad for such an attack or to cover any Israeli operation, the diplomats

#### Shamir: Israel not deterred by any threats

TEL AVIV (AP) - Prime Minis- based Palestinian group ter Yitzhak Shamir responded to Iraqi threats to use weapons of mass destruction by warning Tuesday that Israel "will know how to defend itself," against such attacks. to see to it that reason prevails Shamir spoke to reporters at and that all of us live in peace."

the Hadassah Hospital after visiting Israelis wounded in a bombing Monday in an outdoor The blast killed an Israeli man

and injured nine others. Responsibility for the bombing later was claimed in anonymous telephone calls by the fundamentalist Isla-

"We saw here the victims of these violent attacks against civilians," Shamir said at the hospital "I think it has to be a concern of all the people living in this area

Shamir also responded to Monday's threat by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, who told an emergency Arab summit in Baghdad that Iraq would use 'weapons of mass destruction" if Israel attacked Iraq or other Arabs with such arms.

"Israel is not threatening anymic Jihad group and by a Syrian- body, but it isn't deterred by any

threats." Shamir said. "Israel knows and will know how to defend itself."

Earlier Tuesday, Lt.-Gen. Dan Shomron, Israel's chief of staff, also responded to Hussein, saying "We have the ability to stand up to the threats.'

Shomron, who was interviewed on Israel Radio, added that the root of Iraq's recent threats lay in Baghdad's "fear of Israel." The Iraqi leader recently

threatened to destroy half of Israel with chemical weapons if Israel launched a nuclear strike

Shomron said the Iraqi leader

had adopted a radical policy compared with Egypt's "pragmatic

"I have no doubt that in the Arab summit these two approaches will clash, and we will see the results in the framework of the decisions of the summit.

Yossi Ben-Aharon, a senior aide to Shamir, said Israel took Hussein's threats seriously.

He said: "Saddam has shown that he is true to his word, that he has not besitated to use weapons of mass destruction" during the

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

#### 'Half of Israeli youth want Arabs expelled'

TEL AVIV (R) — Half of Israel's teenagers want Palestinians expelled from the occupied West Bank and more than half believe Israeli Arabs should have fewer rights than Jews, according to an opinion poll published Tuesday. The poll, conducted by the Dahaf Institute, also showed that 45 per cent of the teenagers said it was acceptable to suspend political parties under an authoritarian government, at least until Israel overcame its economic and social problems. "The findings of the poll will reinforce the fears of those who are worried about the future of democracy in Israel,' wrote a correspondent for the mass-circulation Yedioth Ahronoth daily which published the poll. Of 465 teenagers between the ages of 15 and 18, 51 per cent said they favoured "transfer," euphemism for the expulsion of Arabs which is used by the far-right Moledet (homeland) party. The margin of error in the poll was four to five per cent. The survey showed 55 per cent of the respondents felt it was justified for Israel's 650,000-strong Arab minority to receive fewer rights than Jews.

#### Commando killed in South Lebanon

SIDON (AP) — A hardline Palestinian guerrilla group said Tuesday one of its fighters was killed in a clash with Israeli-backed militiamen in South Lebanon. The Palestine Liberation Front, in a short communique released in this southern port city, said a second fighter was missing after the Monday clash with militiamen of the South Lebanon Army (SLA). The communique said the guerrilla band clashed with the SLA near the southern town of Bint Ibeil, in the western sector of Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone." It did not disclose further details. Four guerrillas of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine were killed in a clash with the SLA in the security zone Saturday. Israel has maintained the 10-to-16 kilometre deep strip since it withdrew the bulk of its invading army from South Lebanon in June 1985.

#### Briton held for robbery in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP) - Police said Tuesday they have arrested a Briton in civil war-torn Lebanon on charges of robbing a money exchange shop. Maj. Sami Daher identified the suspect as the Hobeish police station off Hamra commercial thoroughfare in mainly Muslim west Beirut, said Johnson was arrested by a police patrol Saturday after robbing Lebanese money exchanger Ahmad Murtada. "He approached Murtada's money exchange booth in Hamra and told him he wanted to change Lebanese pounds to dollars," Daher said. "After Murtada counted the banknotes, Johnson grabbed all the money and ran away," Daher said. He said Johnson made off with the equivalent of \$1,000. A police patrol in Hamra, chased the suspect and arrested him. He was armed with a pistol. But no weapons were fired, Daher said. He said the Briton, whose hometown was not available, was an "illegal resident of Lebanon." "He arrived in Lebanon six months ago, through Jounieh Port," Daher explained.

#### **European ministers to meet in Turkey**

ANKARA (R) - European ministers of justice will hold their annual convention in Istanbul on June 5-7 to discuss "democracy founded on law," Turkish officials said Tuesday. Ministers from 23 Council of Europe member countries and Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia and Canada will attend as well as a representative of the Holy See. The convention will also debate the role of the European Council in reinforcing links with East European countries and the protection of the environment through criminal law.

#### **Tunisian Islamic activist jailed**

TUNIS (R) - Professor Moncef Ben Salem, an Islamic fundamentalist, has been jailed for three years for criticising the Tunisian government, his lawyers said Tuesday. A Tunis court convicted him on Monday of libelling the government and issuing false reports liable to disturb the peace in an article published by the Algerian fundamentalist newspaper Al Mounqid. In an article critical of Tunisian President Zine Abidine Ibn Ali he was reported as saying people in Tunisia were tortured to death. In court he did not deny the report which he said was an account of a private conversation he had during a visit to Algeria.

## Arabs seek to boost Lebanon

#### peace plan BAGHDAD (AP) — The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco, in

Baghdad for an emergency Arab summit, were striving Tuesday to bolster a peace treaty to end Lebanon's 15year-old civil war, conference sources reported.

The ministers formulated the peace accord last year. It was endorsed by Lebanon's parliament in a special session in the Saudi Arabian resort of Taif last October, but so far it has not been implemented because of Christian opposition.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the ministers were determined to have clear-cut support for the peace plan by the summit.

The sources said that Prince Saud of Saudi Arabia, Sidahmad Ghozali of Algeria and Abdul Latif Filali of Morocco met late Monday to draw up a statement on Lebanon to be submitted to the heads of state when they reconvene the summit Tuesday.

The conference is hosted by Iraq, which has supplied the Christians with arms in a bid to thwart the ambitions of Syria in Lebanon.

Syria, which has 40,000 troops deployed in Lebanon ander a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate, is the main power broker in that country and has said it supports the peace plan.

The biggest obstacle to implementing the peace accord is rebel Gen. Michel Aoun, a Maronite Catholic and Lebanon's former army commander and caretaker premier.

He rejects the plan, which gives the majority Muslims an equal share of power with the long-dominant Christians, because it does not guarantee a Syrian military withdrawal. Aoun has been fighting his

main Christian rival, militia chieftain Samir Geagea, since Jan. 30 for mastery of the Christian enclave north of Beirut where the government's writ does not run.

support for the Syrian-backed Lebanese government of Elias Hrawi and his efforts to extend its authority over the whole country, the sources reported. It was not clear how the summit, whatever its resolu-

tions, can help Hrawi do that. The Saudi, Algerian and Moroccan foreign ministers form an Arab League mediation committee on Lebanon set up at the last Arab summit in Casablanca, Morocco, a year

President Hafez Assad of Syria, whose troops control about two-thirds of Lebanon, has boycotted the summit held in the capital of his archrival in the Arab World, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Hrawi, his government dependent on Syrian backing, also failed to attend the summit.

The 16 heads of state attending the two-day-old summit were expected to endorse the foreign ministers' statement

before the conference ends. Lebanon was not on the agenda of the summit drawn up last week.

But the conference sources said the situation in war-battered Lebanon has been raised in informal discussions between Arab leaders.

## Lebanese strike to protest against war; Aoun-Geagea clashes continue

BEIRUT (AP) - Most of Leba- strators chanted. non came to a standstill Tuesday in a general strike called to demand an end to the 15-year-old civi war and anti-inflation measures by the largely powerless

Shortly before dawn, rival Christian forces loyal to rebel Gen. Michel Aoun and militia chieftain Samir Geagea clashed with mortars for two hours in east Beirut, violating a 12-day-old ceasefire in their four-month-old

power struggle.
No casualties were reported. But the clashes underlined the deep-rooted hostility between the rival forces despite the truce.

The ceasefire has generally held since it took effect on May 17, despite minor violations. But informed sources do not believe the power struggle will end until a political settlement is reached between the two leaders, which is considered a remote possibility by many.

The one-day strike, called by the General Federation of Labour Unions, was largely symbolic. Lebanon's economy, once the most flourishing in the Middle East, is in tatters.

About 10,000 people staged a two-hour demontration across Muslim west Beirut, chanting slogans demanding better wages, better social services and better security.

We have no water. We have no food. We have no electricity. We have no schools," the demon-

"Security produces bread. We want security," they shouted, shaking their fists in the air.

Police said no violence was reported during the demonstration. Similar peaceful protests were held in the Christian port of Jounieh, north of Beirut, the southern provincial capital of Sidon and the northern town of Tripoli.

The people of divided Beirut and the Christian enclave north of the city have been without electricity and water supplies since Aoun and Geagea began fighting on Jan. 30 in an inconclusive power struggle for control of

the enclave. The main power station in Zouk and the water pumps in Dbaye north of Beirut were destroyed in the heavy intra-Christian fighting, in which at least 1,035 people have been killed and

2,770 wounded. Lebanon's parliament endorsed an Arab League brokered peace accord to end the war last October. But the limping government of Syrian-backed President Elias Hrawi, like earlier administrations, has been unable to res-

Muslim regions observed the... strike. But on the Christian side, it was only observed in the 60 per cent of the enclave controlled by Geagea's Lebanese Forces

sector of east Beirut and the

Metn Mountains. The National Coordination Bureau, the Civil Administration Agency in Aoun's territory, declared Tuesday "a normal working day" and said: "The strike is not a positive way to combat

soaring prices." Nonethless, government departments, banks, schools, businesses and shops closed in other areas. Hospitals, pharmacies, bakeries and newspapers

were exempted. The federation said in a statement that the Christian-Muslim civil war that erupted in 1975 thas displaced us and destroyed our homes and property. let's strike against the leaders of this

People of Lebanon. The war has led to the creation of armed militias. The continuance of this situation means domination by illegal weapons."

There are no accurate figures for the number of war casualties, But an estimated 150,000 people are believed to have been killed and another 1 million, one-quarter of the pre-war population. displaced.

The Lebanese pound, the most solid currency in the region before the war, has collapsed. Before the war the exchange rate was 3.5 pounds to the dollar. When the currency market closed The shutdown was ignored in Monday, the rate was 623 to the areas controlled by Aoun's dollar.

## Israel rejects U.N. envoy dealing with security in occupied lands

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel is he added. leaving open the possibility it would allow a U.N. delegation to visit Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories, but only one dealing with issues such as health and education and not with

Foreign Ministry officials pointed out to reporters Monday that Israel had in the past accepted personal envoys of the U.N. secretary-general.

"If there will be a request for a

secretary-general envoy who will not deal with security, then it will be judged on its merits." said one official. "We are not saying yes, not saying no."

The statement came after the United States blocked a move by the U.N. Security Council to sen a team of observers to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, but then backed a U.N. investigation on behalf of the secretary-

Calls for U.N observers to safeguard the Palestinians follow a massacre of seven Arab labourers by an Israeli gunmen and an ensuing wave of rioting in which 16 Palestinians have been killed by soldiers or civilians.

A Foreign Ministry official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said an envoy from the secretary-general would have to deal with issues such as health, environmental affairs and educa-

"If the envoy would like to discuss police in the (occupied) territories, then no thank you,"

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has consistently opposed any U.N. peace-keeping forces or other observers in the occupied Arab territories. "I don't think we need U.N.

observers. We have a long experience in our country with U.N. obervers and they have nothing to do with peace. They will bring only tensions," Shamir said in an interview with ABC Television

PLO leader Yasser Arafat urged at a Security Council meeting in Geneva over the weekend that U.N. observers be deployed in the occupied Arab territories. "We are running out of patience," he told reporters Satur-

eferring to the casualty toll

in the 29-month Palestinian uprising. Since the uprising began in December 1987, more than 700 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians.

Meanwhile, the head of the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees has denied Israeli allegations that his staff exceed their mandate by monitoring and obstructing army action in the occupied territories.

"In an emergency, there is a potential for collision between those who are there to assist people and those who are there to bash the people because of the implementation of law and order," said Giorgio Giacomelli, commissioner general of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency

for Palestine Refugees

(UNRWA). But he denied Israeli claims that UNRWA staff were acting as unofficial observers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, shielding Palestinian protesters from the

Israel has rejected all proposals to deploy U.N. observers in the territories or allow a U.N. factfinding team to visit the areas in the wake of high casualties last

which Israeli troops and settlers killed 21 Palestinians and wounded more than 900, mostly in the Gaza Strip. He expressed deep concern at the enormous casualties in pro-

Giacomelli arrived Monday for

a 48-hour visit to show support

for UNRWA staff after a week in

tests that followed the mass murder of seven Arab workers by an apparently crazed Israeli gunman on May 20. Giacomelli met the senior Israeli

policymaker for the occupied Arab territories, Shmuel Goren, and said afterwards they had differed on the role of U.N. staff in the occupation zone.

"We had to agree that we disagree," he told Reuters in an interview.

The U.N. agency, which provides health care, education and welfare services to nearly 800,000 Palestinian refugees in the occupied territories, is regarded by Israeli defence officials as being

#### too close to the PLO. Ethiopia claims victory against rebels

ADDIS ABABA (AP) - The government has claimed a victory over Tigrean rebels in fighting last week for control of a strategic mountain pass in central

80 kilometres north of the capital.

bandits was captured and sizeable

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"A large number of terrorist

Ethiopia. Newspapers in Addis Ababa said Tuesday that government troops killed 1,450 rebels of the Tigre People's Liberation Front (TPLF) around Debre Lebanos,

caches of heavy and light arms and equipment seized," the newspapers said.

The reports did not specify when the fighting took place but sources said the battle was Friday and Saturday. The fighting was in the same area where the Tigreans said they "annihilated" two government battalions earlier last

On Friday, the rebels said in a radio broadcast they had killed 1,400 troops of the 102nd Air-

borne Division, wounded 900. and captured 2,012 Tuesday at Lemi. 110 kilometres north of Addis Ababa.

Neither the government nor the rebel claims could be independently verified.

Debre Lebanos lies on a pass through a mountain range and controls the main road from Addis Ababa northwest to Gojam, the nation's main agriculty; ral region.

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## Regent warns of dangers posed by Israeli policy

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Israeli expansionist policies, and a "mission for a just solution in the Middle East." The 50-mem-Tuesday warned of the ongoing Israeli attempts to Lebanonise the region and divide it into weak factional statelets, dominated by extremism and violence, unless a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is found.

At an audience with a visiting U.S. delegation, Prince Hassan recalled His Majesty King Hussem's speech at the opening sesmon of the emergency Arab summit, which started in Baghdad Monday, in which he delineated Jordan's him position vis-a-vis the dangers posed to Jordan and the whole Arab Nation by the

Prince Hassan said that such immigration poses a genuine dan-ger to the human rights of the Palestinian citizens and called

on the international community and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council to find a just and comprehensive solution to the region's issues, in light of the continuing Israeli threats to the pan-Arab security.

The American delegation is headed by former U.S. senator Charles Percy, who served as chairman of the Foreign Affairs

The American delegation is on

ber delegation has already visited Syria and Egypt and will travel to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip Thursday (See story on

Also Tuesday Prince Hassan received Deputy Chief of Staff of the Soviet Armed Forces General Klimonov, who is currently on a visit to Jordan and reviewed with him the latest developments on the Arab and international arenas, as well as bilateral relations.

The audience was attended by the Soviet ambassador to Jordan and the Soviet military attache in



REGENT MEETS CANADIAN TEAM: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday received a visiting delegation representing the Canadian Defence College. He briefed the team on

the situations in the region in general and the deteriorating situation in the occupied territories

## honours

was Tuesday honoured by the World Health Organisation (WHO) for his distinguished role in leading a nationwide campaign against smoking over the past two

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a ceremony held here in the oresence of Health Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben. In a brief speech on the occa-

sion Jazairi reviewed WHO's campaigns against smoking worldwide and paid tribute to the a 1976 law on banning smoking at efforts of the Jordanian Health all cinemas, theatres, public libthis campaign in the Kingdom. Malhas is one of the promin-

ent personalties who played a major role in the campaigns to spread awareness among members of the public against the habit-of smoking," said-Jazairi. Malhas thanked WHO for this

honour and in turn presented the voiced Jordan's appreciation to public.

WHO for combatting smoking and helping to ensure better

While serving in his post as health minister. Malhas enforced Ministry which helped carry out raries, public transport vehicles and other places considered public by the ministry.

A fine of JD 10 to JD 200 is imposed on the violators of the

Jordan also observes an annual non-smoking day on April 7 in implementation of WHO's call and in a bid to eliminate the habit medal to the health minister who of smoking by the Jordanian

#### Foreigners to get 5-year permits for residence AMMAN (J.T.) - Foreign to the foreign wives married to

women married to Jordanians Jordanians and to foreigners who and foreigners living in the Kingdom for at least 10 years could be issued five-year residence permits. instead of permits for one year, if a new amendment to the residence and aliens law is endorsed by the Lower House of Parliament, according to a report in Al

Ra'i Arabic daily.
The report said that the government, which passed the amendment to Parliament for approval, said that when the law has been passed, the minister of interior will be empowered to issue five-year residence permits

had been living here for 10 years. Foreign women married to Jordanians can, however, obtain Jordanian nationality provided they live five years here in

In justifying the move, the government said that obtaining residence permits on an annual basis has proved to be a heavy burden for wives of Jordanian citizens. The residence permits issued to women married to Jordanian citizens, it said, in most cases precede obtaining of Jordanian

### **Voluntary societies** to hold charity bazaar

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday will open a charitable bazaar by the Union of Voluntary Societies (UVS) in Amman.

Twenty eight charitable societies will be participating in the bazaar, exhibiting various handicrafts, embroideries, ceramics, plants and home-made

The Union of Voluntary Societies was founded in Amman in 1958 and comprises all the charitable societies in the capital,

a total of 168.

Among these societies are those specialised in the areas of the handicapped, education, professional training, health care and information services.

UVS supervise the interests of the societies affiliated to it, coordinates their efforts and upgrades the standard of their services. It also acts as a liaison between

the societies and the government, particularly the Ministry of Social Development.

With the aim of fostering children's hobbies, UVS opened a Child's Culture Home in Marka, which offers its services for 150-170 children each day.

In 1989, Her Majesty Queen Noor inaugurated the new building of UVS, which serves as a headquarters and a location of the Union's activities.

UVS is funded through subscriptions of member societies, proceeds from activities and assistance from the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS).

The Queen's patronage of such an event comes in line with Her Majesty's policy of encouraging charitable work in Jordan as well as local production and income generating projects.

#### Minister urges attention on industries involving disabled

ZARQA (Petra) - Minister of of the rehabilitation centre for Social Development Abdul Majid Al Shreideh Tuesday called for planning for the future of industries involving the hearing impaired in order to start distributing and marketing their products in touristic centres and to be displayed in the national market for traditional industries which will be opened in Amman.

During a tour of several centres and institutions that look after the hearing impaired in Zarqa Governorate, the minister emphasised the processes of training and production as an important element to compensate for the disabled. But more important is the process of marketing the products, he added. The Minister asked the director ...

youth in Zarqa to prepare a comprehensive study to pave the way for setting up projects that can benefit the Jordanian society.

The minister also opened an artexhibition at Queen Alia Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Hearing Impaired. The minister was briefed on the centre's activities and progress by its director.

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## Agriculture trade planned with Lebanon

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is expected to resume importing Lebanese agricultural products following a three-year break due to "technical reasons," according to the Chairman of the Lebanese Farmers Association Yousef Muhieddin.

He told a press conference here, following talks with Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arabiyat, that the minister has now given instructions to the concerned authorities to conduct a full study on Jordanian markets' needs of Lebanese agricultural products prior to resuming their

**JEPCO** to retain

subscriber deposits

AMMAN (J.T.) - Deposits paid lay settlement for more than one

imports.

Muhieddin and his delegation discussed with Arabiyat and other officials at the Ministry of Agriculture ways of increasing the volume of products exchanged between Jordan and

"Discussion covered the prospect of conducting barter trade with Lebanon, supplying Jordan with apples and potatoes among other products in demand by the Jordanian markets and importing certain Jordanian vegetables and chemical fertilisers in return,"

Earlier the minister had said that Jordan was expected to purchase a large part of Leba-non's current year's harvest of apricots which are expected to total 25,000 tomes.

Muhieddin reviewed the difficulties and hardships encountered by the Lebanese farmers in obtaining loans, guidance, extension services and fertilisers largely due to the prevailing situation in Lebanon which has been plagued by civil strife since 1974.

Referring to the association in Lebanon, he said that it was successful in eliminating the growing of hashish and other crops used in the narcotics trade and helped farmes to plant apri cots and wheat instead.

"Farmers who used to grow hashish were compensated when their crops were destroyed, a process which led to reducing the total area of land planted with hashish by 93 per cent," Muhieddin said.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture here, Jordan exported 50,000 tonnes of agricultural products to Lebanon in the

### Arab hospitals urged to be cautious on drugs

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan took part in an international seminar on drugs and addiction which ended in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, recently. Arab Psychiatrists Federation Executive Committee member Dr. Adnan Al Takriti said that the seminar recommended that June 23 of every year be declared international day for combatting drugs.

Takriti said that participants in the seminar approved the enacted laws concerning prescribing and importing medicines and stressed the need for all public and private hospitals to abide by these decisions. They stressed the importance of security departments in following up the implementation of these decisions through carprivate hospitals and drugstores.

Participants in the seminar, Takriti said, asked doctors in general and psychiatrists in particular to be careful when prescribing drugs and medicines that might lead to addiction.

According to Takriti they also recommended enhancing cooperation between Arab states and increasing the exchange of expertise and information in the field of drug addiction.

The two-day seminar discussed 32 working papers presented by specialists from the United States, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and several Arab states. These papers dealt with the cultural and social aspects of drugs and the primary and secon-dary psychological health care th rying out strict censorship on terms of protection and cure from addiction.

#### Seminar reviews drug industry

cine security for Jordan despite ment," the minister added. their recent establishment in the said Tuesday.

national pharmaceutical industries now, is to interact with the new scientific developments and to cope with the modern technology to meet the growing demand of medicine in Jordan and the ing ceremony of a seminar to production. discuss development in the pharmacentical industries in Jordan.

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AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan's scientific and technological advpharmacentical industries are im- ances which largely depend on portant factors in ensuring medi- research and continued develop-

Another speaker was Samih Kingdom, Health Minister Darwazeh, managing director of Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben the Al Hikmah pharmaceutical company in Amman, who out-"What is required from the lined the development of this industry in Jordan.

Farah Munir, an Arab American scientist living and working in the United States said that the present seminar was organised to help transfer modern technology Arab World," the minister said in to the Arab region and to raise an address delivered at the open- the standard of pharmaceutical

Registration of medicines, research work in the United States, Scientists and pharmacists from herbs used in the drug industry Jordan and the United States are and the manufacture of plastic taking part in the three-day meet- containers for medicines are ings which will review 11 working among the topics to be discussed at the meeting which was orga-"The pharmaceutical industry nised by the Jordan Pharis among the industries of the maceutical Industries Academic

### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

 Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by five Jordanian artists at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Exhibition of paintings by Randa Berouti at Goethe Institute. Exhibition displaying traditional Syrian handicraft by Syrian women, and hand-printed textile by Mustafa Fathi at the French

#### FILM

British film on art at Alia Art Gallery — 6:39 p.m.

#### DIALOGUE

\* Open dialogue on "Hearing Disorders in Jordan" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.

#### LECTURE

\* Lecture, in French, on "Charles Nodier" by Noel Favreliere at the French Cultural Centre - 6:00 p.m.

#### **GAMES NIGHT**

\*\* Open evening which includes games such as pictionary, monopoly, chess, scrabble and the Arabic version of Trivial Pursuit at the British Council (6-9 p.m.).

### **U.N.** committee on Israeli practices begins hearings

from individual citizens who lived Arab territories about Israel's human rights abuses.

The committee, which was Assembly, has been touring areas torture at the hand of Israeli forces and in Israeli jails.

The 15-member committee. which is to leave for Cairo Friday at the end of a five-day stay in Amman, had earlier visited the Syrian capital on a similar mis-

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Department of Palestinian in time of war; for the full coopities against the Palestinian full support, by member states, of

Yugoslavia and Senegal, accom- the Near East (UNRWA) in and secretaries.

The committee, which ends its population. annual visit to the Middle East in Cairo on June, is the principle

assembly.

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AMMAN (J.T.) - A U.N. spe- dangerous level of violence and cial committee on Israeli prac- repression which had constantly tices Tuesday heard testimonies escalated since the start of the uprising of the Palestinian under Israeli rule in the occupied population against occupation in December 1987. According to the report, the uprising of the Palestinian population, motivated by an established by the U.N. General accumulation of harassment, humiliation and frustration, stemand collecting testimonies and med from the annexation policy information especially from those implemented by the government being treated in Jordanian hospit- of Israel since 1967, which had als from injuries sustained during brought along an unprecedented level of violence and unrest in the territories.

In the absence of a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the special committee called for the full application, by Israel, of the relevant provisions of the Fourth In Jordan they met with the Geneva Convention relative to Affairs and received a Jordanian eration of the Israeli authorities government report on atrocities with the International Committee committed by the Israeli author- of the Red Cross (ICRC); for the the activities of the ICRC in the Set up by the U.N. General occupied territories; as well as for Assembly in December 1968, the the full support, by member committee is made up of the states, of the activities of the permanent representatives at the United Nations Relief and Works United Nations of Sri Lanka, Agency for Palestine refugees in panied by officials, interpreters order to improve the general assistance provided to the refugee

At its forty-fourth session, the general assembly, after considerorgan of the United Nations to ing the report of the special cominvestigate Israeli practices in the mittee, in its resolution (44/48 A) occupied territories and monitor commended the special commitinformation related to this area. tee for its efforts in performing Since 1969, the committee has the tasks assigned to it and for its prepared and submitted 21 re- impartiality, strongly condemned ports to the General Assembly the Israeli policies and practices through the secretary-general. in the occupied territories and These reports have been consi- demanded, inter alia, that Istael dered by the Special Political acknowledge and comply with the Committee which is one of the provisions of the Geneva Conseven main committees of the vention of 1949 relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war. It also requested the first report to the assembly dated special committee to continue to 12 October 1989, which again investigate Israeli policies and contained abundant evidence re-practices in the occupied Palesticeived from persons having first- nian territory, including Jeruhand knowledge and personal ex- salem, and other Arab territoris situation in the occupied territor- regularly periodic reports to the ies, the special committee stated secretary-general on the present that the situation in the occupied situation in the occupied Palestiterritories had been marked by a nian territory.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Cabinet approves Italian Ioan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has approved the loan agreement concluded with the Italian government, whereby it will provide the Jordanian government with \$1.6 million to finance shipments of Italian rice imported by Jordan.

#### Cabinet forms delegation to meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has formed Jordan's delegation to the Egyptian-Jordanian meetings to discuss transport cooperation between the two countries. The two-day meeting which is due to start in Alexandria Wednesday is to be attended by the secretary-general of the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunication who will be accompanied by two ministry officials.

#### JPA wants to convene session

AMMAN (Petra) — The general assembly of the Jordan Press Association (JPA) Tuesday requested the association's council to convene an extraordinary session to discuss amendments to the JPA publications law and related regulations. In its request the general assembly called for the formation of a preparatory committee, grouping a number of general assembly members. several legal experts and information professionals to draw up a working paper on the proposed amendments.

#### Commerce chambers to help farmers

AMMAN (Petra) — The executive council of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce held a meeting in Amman Tuesday to review ways of helping farmers in the occupied Arab territories to market their agricultural products in Jordan and abroad. The council also decided to send teams to several Arab states to encourage trade with Jordan and to discuss economic meetings and conferences.

#### Maritime companies meeting ends

AMMAN (Petra) — National maritime companies from Jordan. Egypt and Iraq concluded a meeting in Amman Tuesday with recommendations for the establishment of a maritime transport coordination office to provide expertise and information related to maritime transport, renting and promotion of cooperation among national fleets. The three-day meeting also reviewed earlier agreements on maritime transport among the fourmember countries of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) which also includes Yemen in addition to the three countries.

#### U of J architecture exhibit opens

AMMAN (Petra) — University of Jordan President Mahmoud Al Samra opened Tuesday at the University's faculty of engineering and technology the annual exhibition for students of the architecture department. The opening ceremony of the three-day exhibition was attended by several of the university's deans and members of the teaching staff.

#### Kuwait officials visit survey department

AMMAN (Petra) - A delegation representing the finance ministry in Kuwait Tuesday visited the Lands and Survey Department in Amman and studied its operations. The delegation members who had been touring a member of areas are trying to benefit from Jordan's experiment in land survey.

#### Beekeepers day marked

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Beekeepers Association in cooperation with the University of Jordan's Faculty of Agriculture and the Ministry of Agriculture holds the second practical beekeeping day Thursday, 31 May at Irbid Professional Associa-

## Malhas AMMAN (J.T.) — Former Health Minister Zuhair Malhas WHO regional representative Dr. Hussein Al Jazairi presented a medal to Dr. Malhas at

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reply to a question by subscribers upon requesting to be supplied with electric power.
... This practice followed by vaobei blrow edicial esimmos anon ensure coverage of at least one month's power consumption by subscribers, many of whom often fail to settle their dues for more than two months," the minister said in his reply to a question

fielded by Lower House of Parliaaccordance with the present law. ment member Fakhri Kawar. "While some subscribers fail to pay their dues or altogether default payment, JEPCO has to settle a bill with the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) which supplies the power to JEPCO for distribution and which cannot de-

in advance by subscribers to the month," Taher added in his Jordan Electric Power Company (JEPCO) will not be returned to

In his reply, which was carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petthe subscribers because these ra, the minister pointed out that JEPCO held JD 7,697,137 in subfunds are kept by the company as a guarantee for payment, according to Minister of Energy and scribers' guarantees by the end of Mineral Resources Thabet Al 1989 while at the same time subscribers were indebted to the company JD 9,730,899; this "Only when subscribers wish to means subscribers had failed to leave the house supplied by electric power can they get a refund," pay a total of JD 2,763,032.

said the minister in a written According to Taher, the sums paid in advance with the company as a guarantee are not deposited in banks to gain interest or any other profits, but are rather kept with the company as a form of financial liquidity to pay to the JEA or the subscribers once they end their subscriptions. Last month JEPCO announced

it would end the practice of asses-

sing power consumption and would scrap the system as of the

beginning of June 1990. JEPCO used to send out teams to read the meters once every three months before charging consumers for the first month's reading and charging them for an assessment of their consumption for the following two months.

## **Housing Corporation** accepts applications

ing Corporation Tuesday ject. announced that it would be receiving applications from citizens wishing to benefit from Salt new housing project, the corporation's Director-General Yousef

Hivasat said. He added that the corporation started work on the new project as of the beginning of May. The project, which will be constructed on 75 dunums, includes a commercial market, a nursery, a school, gardens as well as other

essential public utilities. Hiyasat pointed out that candidates would be drawn from parti-

AMMAN (Petra) — The Hous- hope to benefit from such a pro-

The programme gives priority to Jordanian youths, who completed 21 years of age. The programme stipulated that

neither the applicant nor his spouse should be in possession of an apartment or house nor should they have earlier benefitted from a housing project. It also said that the beneficiary should be the breadwinner of a family with limited income.

However government employees will have priority over other citizens in benefitting from cipants in a special programme this project, according to the

## called "saving for housing," who programme. Arabs stress Israeli nuclear

threat at Bonn conference

AMMAN. (Petra) - Upper House of Parliament member Husni Ayesh returned home Tuesday after representing Jordan at an Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference held in Bonn, West Germany, on May 20. In an arrival statement Ayesh said that the meeting, which was dedicated for disarmament issues, was convened in implementation of a resolution adopted by the IPU council during its meeting in Sofia in 1988 and aimed at enabling parliamentarians to discuss and exchange information on international situations and future prospects as far as disarmament is concerned.

Ayesh said Arab delegations taking part in the conference were keen on coordinating their stands and discussions. The Arab delegations stressed the need for linking chemical weapons with nuclear arms.

and said that Israel was the only state in this region which possesses nuclear bombs as well as the other chemical and biological arms. "Yet it has not acceded to the international treaty on the limitation of nuclear arms and refused to have its arm caches subject to inspection and supervision," Ayesh said.

Ayesh added that the Arab delegations called for making the Middle East free from destructive arms and stressed the need for settling regional issues, particularly in the Middle East, in accordance with United Nations resolutions as a prerequisite for disarma-

Ayesh also said that the Arab delegations explained to the meeting Israeli practices against the Palestinian people

and warned of their complica-

tions and dimensions.

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#### Talking is something; doing is something else

ARGUMENTS and differences apart, what counts most is what is the practical outcome of the emergency Arab summit which des today in Baghdad. It is not enough that the Arab leaders gathered in the Iraqi capital come out with statements strongly supporting Iraq against the Western campaign, calling for increased backing for the intifada and the Palestinian people. pledging political, military and financial support for Jordan, urging the superpowers to help stop Israel's settlement policies, and reaffirming calls for Arab solidarity and unity against adversaries and common challenges. They should also work out a framework of action to translate into deeds whatever is agreed upon in Baghdad, whether in the context of the intifada or of solidarity and unity. We have seen enough and more of Arab resolutions coming out of the 1964 summit held in Cairo followed by another 17 gatherings of Arab heads of state in various other Arab capitals and cities but very little of them implemented in their full sense and spirit. In fact, the feeling of the common Arab identity and the sense of sharing a common destiny appeared to have dissipated into thin air as soon as the resolutions were read out and the bosts announced the summits adjourned.

But if that is the fate that awaits the decisions already adopted and expected to be endorsed in Baghdad, then one word of caution to the Arab leaders is in order: Things have gone too far this time around not to take the situation in the Middle East and the developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict seriously. Words in Baghdad in a show of Arab unity can pull very little water if not' accompanied by concrete action to reaffirm to the international community that this time the Arabs have really woken up to the game and are indeed realistically prepared to fight off all challenges. Little time and energy should be wasted in diplomatic finesse and considerations of sensitivities of people who have very little regard for Arab sensitivities. Such a message can only come through a practical plan of action designed to support the Palestinian intifada to the hilt, reinforce and maintain Jordan's position as an strong defensive wall against Zionist onslanghts, pressure the superpowers into ensuring that Israel does not settle any more of the occupied territories and does not undertake least, inform the world that the Arabs do not need any international policeman to protect their oil resources; they can take care of it themselves if only the world powers leave them alone. Instead of encouraging Israel's military adventures with almost total immunity, the world powers should understand the genuine security fears of the Arabs and realise that the Jewish state can no longer hope to hit out anyone anytime without expecting the same treatment in return. A seemingly Herculian task; but very simple if the leaders meeting in Baghdad are justified in laying claim to a common Arab identity, the core of which is at stake.

#### Jordan Press Editorials

Jordanian daily newspapers Tuesday discussed speeches delivered at the extraordinary summit in Baghdad by His Majesty King Hussein and other Arab leaders, underlining the immense burden the Arabs are now shouldering in confronting their common enemy. Al Ra'i daily said that the King's address contained warnings to the Arab World that Israel's ambitions are designed not only for Palestine but also for Jordan and the rest of the Arab World. Jordan forms the wall fencing off Israel's acts of aggression from reaching the Arab states, but the Kingdom is now shouldering a far heavier burden than it can ever bear, and is in a position prone to Israel's aggression, the paper noted. It echoed the King's warnings that Jordan, which is faced with the Israeli enemy and the Israeli arsenal, is struggling to free itself from the economic burdens and is in a weak position vis-a-vis Israel's formidable force, unless it is supported by the other Arab countries. Not only did the King present the facts to the Arab heads of state, but he also called for a strong, united A al response to Israel's challenge and arrogance, said the paper. By supporting and assisting Jordan, the paper added, the Arabs are defending themselves from future aggression. Israel's ambitious designs, it stressed, can only be thwarted by unity and solidarity among the Arab states.

A columnist in Al Ra'i newspaper on Tuesday discussed Jordan's need of qualified nurses, turned out from nursing schools in the country to replace those imported from foreign nations. Salah Abdul Samad says that in the light of the shortages in the number of nurses, Jordan had resorted to importing nurses from the Philippines and China in the past; but the nursing schools in the country, are now graduating good numbers of qualified men and women to take over services at clinics and hospitals in the Kingdom. The writer notes that the Ministry of Health and the National Medical Institution have both endorsed plans to second Jordanian nurses to Arab states, and to allow others to seek employment abroad with the hope of improving their income and earning the country hard currency. But, he says, that the country still has foreign nurses who continue to transfer their earnings in hard currency to their home countries, a situation which is doing harm to the national economy. Should the health authorities in Jordan allow Jordanians to work abroad, the writer notes, they ought first to ensure that the country has sufficient number nurses to replace them, rather than allow foreign nurses the chance to stay indefinitely in Jordan.

In his address to the summit Monday, King Hussein outlined a number of facts about the Arab situation and the dangers facing Jordan, said Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily Tuesday. After pointing out Jordan's endeavours over the past four decades to defend Arab soil and to serve as a strong fortress in the face of Israel's ambitious designs, the King warned of an imminent Israeli aggression on the Kingdom, and asked that the country be backed by its sister states and that the uprising in the Israeli-held Arab territories be supported, because such backing and such support are in reality an exercise of defence of the whole Arab World, said the paper. The paper said that the King's address should serve as a working paper for the Arab summit, lighting the way for the Arab heads of state for collective action.

Economic Forum

## Wrong readings on Jordan inflation scale

INFLATION is commonly measured by the consumer price index (CPI) as in the United States, or by the producer price index (PPI) such as in Britain. In certain cases, the so-called gross national product deflator is used for this purpose. Roughly speaking, the index itself, say 160 points at the end of any given year, represents the cost of living, i.e. the accumulated price increases, while the change in that index resembles the rate of inflation. If the index moves to 180 points in the following year, the rate of inflation will be 12.5 per cent. Where this rate of change is less than 5 per cent, we have price stability and can hardly talk about inflation. It is only whenprices rise

justifiably talk about inflation. This is why inflation is defined in textbooks as the "persistent" or "continuous" increase in prices. In practical life this sophisticated differentiation is rarely observed and the rate of inflation refers not only to any increases in prices but also to a drop in them.

In Jordan, we use the cost of living index to measure inflation. To my mind, there is only a very slight difference between this index and CPI, in the sense that the basket of the former is a part of the much larger basket of the latter. This difference is not insignificant but it does not distort the analyses of price variations based on the cost of living index because we can consider its basket as fairly and reasonably representative of that of CPI. The base year for our cost of

living index is 1986, meaning that the price level in 1986 was 100 points. According to this index, prices rose by 74 per cent in the period 1980-1989, that is at an average annual rate of 7.4 per cent in that decade. The index rose from 76.9 points in 1980 to 106.4 points in 1988 (devaluation year) and stood at 133.8 points at the end of 1989, that is one year after devaluation. These figures mean that the inflation generated in a single year, 1989, mainly due to devaluation, was as much as the inflation generated throughout the previous nine years of the eighties. This gives a very fair account of the havoc devaluation played with the socioeconomic life of Jordanians. We firmly believe that the present cost of living index under-

states inflation in Jordan.

Of course a price index such as our cost of living index is constructed from the prices of a basket of goods and services, grouped under main headings which are accorded various weights in the light of their relative shares of aggregate consumption expenditures. In the case of Jordan, there are five headings, or groups, broken down into seventeen subgroups.

Now I simply believe that the present composition of our cost of living index has become outdated and that it started to give wrong readings. It is not only that our index suffers, as any other price indexes, from revising its representative basket of goods and services only intermittently over years, but there is also more to that. We are referring specifically to the effects of the devaluation of the Jordanian dinar (JD).

A Jordanian household that used to spend 50 per cent of its income on imported goods and services prior to the devalua-tion of 1988 would need more than 50 per cent of that income to buy the same amount of imported goods and services after the devaluation. Therefore, the weight of the imported items in the basket of the cost of living index must have been revised upwards after the devaluation in order to reflect the new facts and to thereby maintain the "accuracy" of the index. This has not been done and therefore the readings are not correct, or are more incorrect. The 1989 inflation rate of 25.8 per cent suggested by the cost of living index is certainly

underestimated to the tune of anything between 10 to 15 per cent in our judgment.

By Dr. Abdalla Malki

Of course, devaluation and the consequential rise in the prices of imports could have very well lowered the spending of the Jordanian household on imports of goods and services. However, this does not affect the essence of the above analysis because this analysis was addressed to the relative, not absolute, shares of the components of household spending. However, it is quite possible that devaluation and the subsequent jump in the inflation rate have affected. spending patterns. This means that there is now a need for an abrupt revision of the basket of our cost of living index not only in terms of weights but also in terms of contents.

## A superpower summit of lowered expectations

By Terence Hunt The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — George Bush's second get-together with Mikhail S. Gorbachev shapes up as a summit of lowered expecta-

There will be no treaty signed to limit long-range nuclear missiles, no announcement of a dramatic increase in trade between the United States and the Soviet Union

Other differences also will be felt: Moscow's resistance to German unity, its pressure on rebellious Lithuania to rejoin the Soviet fold, and the slow pace of talks to call home hundreds of thousands of troops and tanks from Europe.

An agreement will be signed to destroy chemical weapons and a statement will be issued announcing limits on cruise missiles, an important step towards a broader treaty cutting the deadliest weapons in the superpowers' arsenals.

But much of the three days of talks from May 31 to June 2 will be given over to discussing issues on which the superpowers are at loggerheads.

loggerheads.
"We've got a lot of things to discuss that might not result in a signed agreement," Bush said last week, adding, "there's enormous problems that just need to be talked about."

Recognising the two leaders' fondness for surprises, many experts believe that something unexpected will emerge from the summit — but probably nothing earthshaking.

"They are almost compelled to pull one or two rabbits out of the hat but they're going to be fairly small rabbits," predicted. Robert W. Tucker, a Soviet specialist at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Possible steps towards progress include further compromises for a pact covering long-range nuclear missiles, where a differences already have been narrowed significantly, or pledges to revive slowly moving negotiations on a treaty to slash the superpowers' European armies and stores of conventional arms.

Tucker said the real importance of the summit is that it continues the string of superpower meetings.

To the Editor:

"It's part of the long and complicated and arduous process of winding down the cold war and the differences that remain between us." Tucker said.

Aside from striving for progress in arms talks, Bush will press Gorbachev to allow a united Germany to be a part of the U.S.-led NATO alliance.

The Bush administration feels Moscow has slowed the pace of the discussions on a conventional forces in Europe treaty, in part, because it wants the large West German army scaled back.

On this issue, there may be signs of movement.

Last week, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevard-nadze said Moscow "advocates an acceleration in the Vienna negotiations." He rejected the notion that Moscow's concerns over the West German army have made his government hesitant to sign a CFE agreement.

Lithuania also promises, in Bush's words, to put "some tension on the summit."

Secretary of State James Baker said recently that "a good bit" of the president's time will be spent discussing the moves by Baltic states to become independent and Gorbachev's pressure to keep them in the fold.

Gorbachev, facing tests of his power at an important Communist Party congress in July, likely will be unwilling to give up too much to Bush, experts say.

"Gorbachev's playing a very weak hand but he's playing it so well he's made himself look like an equal," said Robert Hunter, a Soviet expert at the Centre for Strategic and International Stu-

"His objective is not to humiliate the president but to be seen as a member of 'the club.' It's Bush's interest to be as forthcoming with Gorbachev as he can, while Gorbachev is doing what we want him to do," Hunter said. "They have a mutual interest in success at this summit."

Gorbachev is interested in any help Bush can offer for the battered Soviet economy. But that help, at least for now, won't include the trade concessions that once had been expected from the Bush administration.

The United States will not grant the Soviet Union preferential, most-favoured-nation status because the Soviet legislature has not passed legislation guaranteeing the right of emigration.

## U.S.- Israelities soured?

By Alan Elsner

Reuter

WASHINGTON — U.S. — Israeli relations have slid into a period of bitterness fuelled by strong personal dislike between the leaders of the two countries.

Officials and analysts said

sourness between the Jewish state and its major ally was likely to persist and even worsen until Israel produced a government willing to commit itself to a peace dialogue with Palestinians.

"There is no doubt we are in a phase of tension and stumbling where there is irritation on both sides and each jumps on almost every statement the other makes," said one Israeli source who declined to be named.

At the heart of the relationship is the strong antipathy between Israel's hard-line Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and President George Bush and his secretary of state, James Baker.

"Bush and Baker are genuinely angry at Shamir and make little effort to disguise it," said William Quandt, a Middle East analyst with the Brookings Institution, a liberal Washington think tank.

"They think they went to considerable lengths to accommodate Shamir's approach to peacemaking and invested time and effort in it and at the last moment Shamir brushed them off. These are men who don't like to fail," he said.

Israeli-U.S. relations have been through rocky times before. Their lowest point was probably in 1956 and 1957 when President Dwight D. Elsenhower forced israel to retreat from the Sinai peninsula

March after Sharendorse Baker's

after its troops occupied the desert territory.

U.S. opinion was outraged in 1982 by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and its indirect

in 1982 by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and its indirect role in the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut refugee camps.

"The problem now is a long-term passimism that is creening.

"The problem now is a longterm pessimism that is creeping into the relationship, almost entirely due to the attitude and actions of the Shamir government," said Geoffrey Kemp, an analyst with the Carnegie Endowment for International

The key event was the fall of the Israeli government in March after Shamir failed to endorse Baker's ideas for a peace dialogue with Palestinians from the occupied territories.

Since then, everything has gone wrong in the relationship.

While Israel has groped for 10 weeks to find a new government, Shamir's caretaker administration approved new settlements in the territories and secretly financed the takeover by Jewish ultranationalists of a Greek Orthodox hospice in the heart of the Christian quarter of occupied

Jerusalem.
When Israeli troops and settlers killed 15 Palestinians

while putting down protests in the territories following May 20 unirder of seven Arabs by a deranged Israeli, the administration reacted sharply.

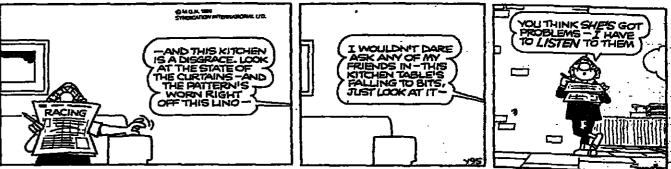
Baker said Washington was prepared to discuss a Palestine Liberation Organisation proposal to send U.N. observers to the territories — a clearly implied vote of no-confidence in Israel's handling of the protests.

High-level contacts between Israel and the United States have almost dried up since March. Baker no longer talks regularly to Israeli cabinet ministers. Bush has stopped talking to them at all.

#### Mutt'n'Jeff



#### Andy Capp



#### **Peanuts**



#### LETTER

### Where are we?

IN YOUR May 27, 1990 edition you printed a story about a Mr. Ibrahim Abu Nab. He apparently signed a document in 1987 which made him a member of an obscure religion based in England. This was judged to be sacreligious by the religious courts of this country and the man was labelled as an apostate. This label carries with it the following consequences, among others; the man's marriage is anulled; anyone who spills his blood is free to do so without fear of prosecution.

I would have considered this incident to be laughable were it not for the fact that the people who condemned this man to death are serious. Given the above, the question which immediately comes to mind is "Which century are we living in anyway?" We read in our history books about the Spanish Inquisition and the great witch hunts of Salem, Massechusets and thought to ourselves," Thank God we weren't around then!". We assumed that we live in a time when things like that just don't happen in civilised nations anymore. Apparently we were mistaken.

Therefore, the error in the system is the law which allows the clergy to come between us and the way in which we want to express our religious beliefs. Most of the democratic nations in this world realised this fact early on and placed articles in there constitutions which restricted the clergy from the affairs of state. In this way they were able to keep religious persecution to a minimum. Unfortunately, we have yet to learn this lesson.

My only hope is that the civil courts of this country will come to there senses and overrule this decision.

Jamal Al-Jaberi P.O. Box 960556

Amman.

Percy: No peace without Palestinian state, Israeli demand for veto over negotiators is unrealistic

## Israeli settlements raise fears of war, says former U.S. senator

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer

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AMMAN - Settlement of Jewish immigrants in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip will only perpetuate ten-sion and push the Middle East towards another Arab-Israeli war, and it is time: Israel realised this reality and accepted the concept of land in return for peace with the Arabs, according to a veteran American politician and lawmaker.

"If there is any sincerity for peace on the part of Israel, it should immediately accept to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the representative of the Palestinian people," said Charles Percy, a former mem-ber of the U.S. Senate (Democrat — Illinois). "The Israeli demand for the right to choose the Palestinian negotiators is totally unrealistic," added Percy, who is here at the head of a delegation of 50 Americans on a "mission for a just solution in the Middle East."

Drawing an analogy for the. Israeli stand that the Jewish state should have a veto over any member of a Palestinian delegation for peace talks, Percy asked: "Since when does a businessman have the luxury of enjoying the right to name the union delegates for negotiations to settle a dispute?"

"There is no chance for peace in the Middle East without the creation of a independent Palestinian state, and the involvement of a moderate government such as Jordan in a confederal arrangement after the state is created should be a factor which encourages Israel to pursue peace talks," he said.

'Israel must begin the process of negotiations with the Palestinians, and the internationally-recognised representative of the Palestinian people is the PLO," said Percv. who lost his bid for retain his seat in the Senate in the last elections after what was widely seen as a concerted campaign against him mounted by the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israeli lobby in the

Percy, who at one time was labelled "number one enemy of Israel" by the Jewish lobby for his firm positions in support of American interests (which, according to many U.S. experts, "happen to coincide with Arab interests"), said he found a strong desire for peace among the people of the Middle East but blamed Israeli intransigence for the stagna-

tion in the peace process. "Even the people of Israel wants peace," he said. "That is why it is today so difficult for their leaders to form a government," he added, referring to the ongoing efforts by the caretaker prime minister and rightwing leader, Yirzhak Shamir, to secure parliamentary majority to form a coalition cabinet.

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tion in the Middle East" includes several leading American politicians, among them former presidential candidate John Anderson, three former members of the House of Representatives, prominent Christian. Muslim and Jewish leaders in the United States (including Rabbi Robert Max from Chicago), leading businessmen, academics, journalist and exhostage Jerry Levin, Canadian parliament member lan Waddell, Hollywood star Mike Farell, and experts on the Mid-

man Monday night after visits to Syria and Egypt, said he also found Syrian President Hafez Al Assad "very desirous of

President Assad in Damascus," he said. "We came off with the impression that Syria is ready for peace with Israel if turned to it and mutuallyagreeable security arrange-

ments could be worked out." "President Assad wants to do a lot of things for his country and people," Percy said.
"But, the enormous military expenditure caused by the tension in the region is foiling his

delegation Tuesday morning, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, underlined "a most important factor in the Middle East and elsewhere," Percy said.

Crown Prince as saying: "We must move from where strategy and politics matter and seem all important to where people really matter and are the most important consideration. When we do that then the relations between 'the haves and have nots' can be

war between Iran and Iraq bac cost \$1 trillion which could otherwise have been spent on the welfare of the people of the

The delegation began its trip May 21, and first visited Syria and then Egypt, where they met with Deputy Prime Ministerand Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrous Ghali. ·

found that Egypt is very much in favour of the idea of a U.N. presence in the occupied territories (since) it would help greatly to difuse the tension

#### Five main points

The delegation has adopted five main points as its guidelines for the mission: - The reaffirmation that United Nations Resolutions

Syria very 'desirous of peace'

The "mission for a just solu-

Percy, who arrived in Am-

"We spent two hours with the Golan Heights were re-

During a meeting with the The ex-senator quoted the

the important development." The Crown Prince also pointed out that the eight-year region, according to Percy.

According to Percy, "we

242 and 338 must be the starting point for meaningful negotiations for an acceptable solution to both sides of the contion to reaffirm and intensify

its search for a just peace in the

Middle East. He said the de-

legation was seen off from

Washington by senior State

Department officials and the

administration has asked for a

briefing on the mission's find-

According to Percy, the time

is ripe for a concerted push in

the U.S. for a strengthened

quest for peace in the Middle

"There is a marked change

even in the American Jewish

community's stand towards

Israel," he said. "Even the

AIPAC has criticised Israel for

covertly financing (a Jewish settlement in the Christian

quarter of Arab) Jerusalem."

There is also a changing

position in Congress," he-

added, pointing out that

minority leader Robert dole, a

Republican senator, is now

highly critical of Israel after

being a staunch supporter of

the Jewish state for decades.

"Sen. Dole has even called for

a five per cent cut in American

aid to Israel," Percy noted.

Senate Foreign Relations

Committee, said the Middle

East and South Asia - where

India and Pakistan are at log-

gerheads over Kashmir -

were the two potential spots

where nuclear weapons could

be used, "drawing the United

"Nuclear weapons are pre-

sent in both areas," he said,

underlining the irony that at a

time when the superpowers

were moving towards recon-

ciliation and detente there was

no movement towards dialoge

to settle these two regional

The delegation has sche-

duled meetings with Israeli

Prime Minister Shamir, ex-

Defence Minister Yitzhak

Rabin, Labour leader Shimon

Peres and hawkish former

minister Ariel Sharon as well

as a group of prominent

Palestinians. "We will discuss

every point of conflict," said

Percy, adding that the delega-

tion hoped to meet with His

Majesty King Hussein upon its

return from the occupied terri-

Percy said he was also look-

ing forward to a meeting with

Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak later next month "since Egypt is a key player in the Middle East peace pro-

The delegation is scheduled

to be received by Upper House

of Parliament Speaker Ahmad

Lawzi and Lower House

Speaker Suleiman Arar

Wednesday before leaving for

the occupied West Bank early

Thursday. It will be back in

The delegation's visit is

organised by the Washington, D.C.-based Pax-World Found-

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East Council of Churches

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Percy, who once headed the

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flict. - The resolution of the conflict, through non-violent means, must be monitored, approved, and guaranteed by the United Nations and the international community.

- An independent Palestinian state must be created along the state of Israel, with guaranteed security for both states and encouragement should be given to the exploring of confederation arrange-

(Percy explained that "any discussion of a confederation arrangement should come only after an independent Palestinian state is created. This is a view shared by Jordan, as we understood from our meeting with the Crown Prince this morning").

- Officials of the Israeli government and the recognised leaders of the Palestinian people should enter into direct talks without preconditions for a comprehensive and just solution. There is no viable alternative to acceptance of the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

(According to Percy, the Crown Prince explained that Jordan, which disengaged itself from the occupied West Bank in favour of the PLO in 1988, has no desire whatsoever of speaking on behalf of the Palestinian people. The Kingdom is willing, if specifically asked, to join the negotiating team. But the overall framework should be an international conference under U.N. auspices).

- The American delegation supports President George Bush's "wise and just opposition" to any new settlement in all the occupied territories as constituting disturbing barriers to Middle East peace.

Percy said it was only a concidence that the delegation was visiting the Middle East at a time when an emergency Arab summit is held in Baghdad, Iraq, where Soviet Jewish emigration and the threats inherent in the massive influx of Soviet Jews to Israel is one of the key topics.

#### Explosive issue

The ex-senator described Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel as "one of the most explosive issues," and called for "an Israeli pledge monitored by observers that none of the newcomers will be settled in occupied West Bank or

Gaza Strip."

Any such settlement, he said, "is like pouring gasoline into an already overheated situation" and "will push the area to the brink of war."

One of the main goals of the delegation, Percy said, is to influence the U.S. administraSummit logiam remains over approach to U.S

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who departed from a prepared text to repeatedly denounce American "imperialism" in an open expression of scorn at the American memo.

However, the Iraqi leader was seen to have projected a "wellbalanced argument" that the possession and developments of weapons in the Arab World is not necessarily for aggressive purposes, but for self-defence.

President Hussein said Monday that he would use weapons of mass destruction against Israel if it deployed its nuclear arsenals against any Arab state.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat told the conference Monday that Israel has 200 nuclear bombs. At the closed-door session Tuesday, the PLO leader said

Israel was conducting military exercises in the Nageeb desert in preparation for an assault on

Iraq's military installations.

In his speech Monday, Arafat urged Arab leaders to mobilise their oil wealth in support of the Palesti-

nian uprising.
"We are duty bound to use all weapons, including sanctions — eco-nomic boycotts and political and psychological pressures — against states, establishment and companies that participate in aggression against

Arab territory," Arafat said. He denounced the U.S. Congres for describing Jerusalem as Israel's capital in recent non-binding resolu-

"This illegitimate declaration amounts to aggression on Arab digni-

He said Arab Jerusalem "is part of the Palestinian territory under Israeli occupation. It is the capital of the State of Palestine." Arafat also accused the United

States of supporting Israel's settlement of Jews in occupied Syrian and Lebanese territory, as well as in the

The PLO wants the summit, boycotted by Syria and Lebanon, to

back the idea of sending U.N. observers or peacekeepers to the West

Bank and Gaza Strip.

The United States said Tuesday it hopes any joint statement emerging from meetings of the Arab League would contribute to peace in the Middle East, and it called statements

the AP reported.

"Our view of these statements re mains as it was several weeks ago They're irresponsible; they're inflammatory; they're outrageous," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

#### British foreign secretary

(Continued from page 1)

On the eve of his visit to Jordan nd Saudi Arabia, Hurd called for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue and occupied territories could deteriorate with Soviet Jewish immigration.

Addressing Arab journalists at his residence in London, Hurd said the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was unjustifiable and unsustainable and "could be made worse" by the influx of Soviet Jewish

"What is required is dialogue between the Palestinians and Israel. Dialogue has produced results in unacceptable for Israel to refuse to sit down," he said.

Hurd reiterated that Soviet Jewish immigrants "have no right to settle in the occupied territories and (Arab)

East Jerusalem. This view is well known to the Israelis and to the Soviet Jews themselves, because you cannot deal with injustice against a certain group by producing injustice to another" Hurd

Israel expects about 150,000 Soviet Jews to arrive this year. The issue is a leading item on the agenda of the Arab summit meeting now taking place in Baghdad.

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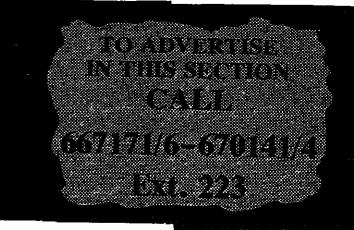




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GENERAL TENDENCIES:

There is little confusion in effect

today as you strive to complete

that which was begun in a bygone day. Gates and doors that you thought were definitely closed to

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

Your own ideas and goals are those

which you would be wise to pursue now with courage and confidence

so let others know what they can

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

This is the day for you to quietly meet with advisors and others who can be of service to you and charm

them in going along with your

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)

Consider well that friends and ac-

quaintances can be most aware of

your abilities and who will be

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You now have some very different aims than usually and these are the ones.

that can be of the greatest influ-

ence in gaining advancement for-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September

22) A fresh new approach at what-ever your obligations can be the

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means by which business and other

practical matters can be placed on

LIBRA: (September 23 to October

22) New conditions now coming to light of an outside nature are your

means for making some quick and

prosperous attack on some adv-

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) A fellow associate has a flash idea that can be very helpful

in whatever your joint ventures require in order to put across a

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) Get right into that

special aptitude you want to put across for the planets smile upon

the effort you have to perfect and

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) Showering some extra

affection upon those that dwell

beneath your own roof will bring a

greater amount of unison between

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

ary 19) Look into whatever will

make your usual activities more

productive and then don't lose

time in following through by defi-

PISCES: (February 20 to March

20) Consider well what new project

of a financial nature you can put

into motion and be sure that it is

considerable scope of possibilities

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a more satisfactory basis.

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you and family.

## Heated trade debate looms at OECD talks

PARIS (AP) — The Organisa- talks are scheduled to meet in tion of Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) of them say it now looks inannual two-day ministerial meeting this week may produce heated discussion on international trade, senior officials of the 24-nation group said Monday.

Trade has come to the foreground because only six months femain to conclude the Uruguay Round of the 98-nation General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) talks, scheduled to end Brussels in December. Negotiations began in 1986 with the objective of liberalising trade in goods and services.

At a briefing, OECD officials said the ministerial meeting starting here Wednesday would pro-vide an opportunity for member states to "show we are doing all we can to move the negotiations forward. In view of the difficulties, this may well be one of the most vigorously discussed issues.

The OECD meeting and the Staly summit meeting of the seven industrialised democracies in Houston, Texas, represent what efficials said was a last opportunity for major players in the trade talks to get negotiations moving soward revamping the multilatera) trading system.

The officials, who cannot be **ide**ntified under guidelines for the briefing, said there were significant differences among OECD members over trade policies for agriculture and textiles.

The OECD monitors economies of its member states and serves as a clearing house for exchange of information. It is seaded by Jean-Claude Paye of

The U.S. delegation to the talks will be headed by Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady and include Agriculture Secretary Clayton K. Yeutter, Trade Representative Carla Hills and Michael J. Boskin, chairman of the Council on Economic

Officials involved in the GATT Asia can be strengthened.

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of them say it now looks increasingly unlikely they will come up with the outline of an accord

Agriculture

The OECD officials said among the most difficult areas was agriculture, which dominated the discussions at last year's ministerial meeting.
The United States has prop-

for reform in 15 key areas that

would be signed at the December

osed that all export subsidies be eliminated within five years and all domestic farm support programmes be ended within 10 years. A recent OECD study found that the annual cost of agricultural subsidies in its six main farm trading regions - Australia, Canada, the European Community, Japan, New Zealand and the United States - exceeds \$70

European Community countries oppose ending subsidies. saying such a step would hurt millions of small farmers. They want to increase payments in some areas while reducing them in others.

Other topics to be aired at the OECD meeting include a review of the international economic situation, OECD relations with non-member countries, and the environment.

The officials said the final communique, unlike previous years, will contain no policy recommendations to individual coun-

Instead, the statement will underline the need for OECD governments to place less reliance on monetary policies in dealing with inflation, stress the need to reduce budget deficits, particularly in the United States, and urge countries to continue structural reform of their economies.

On relations with non-members, the talks will attempt to identify areas where cooperation with the dynamic economies of

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## Iraq asks Arab leaders to discuss Kuwait quota busting

BAGHDAD (Agencies) - Iraq, angered by Kuwait's oil quota busting, is taking the issue to leaders of major Arab oil producers, a senior Gulf oil official said Tuesday.

"The Iragis feel that Kuwait's non-adherence to its OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) quota has led to the present fall in oil prices," he told Reuters.

The official, who declined to be named, said the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had discussed Kuwait's behaviour at a meeting in Baghdad Monday.

Iraq has often complained about overproduction by OPEC members and President Saddam Hussein had been reported to want to use the Arab summit he is

Greece

money to

demands

meet union

ATHENS (R) - Greek Prime

Minister Constantine Mitsotakis.

facing a wave of strikes protesting

against his conservative govern-

ment's austerity measures, said

the state had no money to satisfy

union demands.

days in power.

a series of strikes.

credibility abroad.

Greece's public sector deficit

had surpassed 21 per cent of the

gross national product (GNP) and would have surpassed 23 per

cent if the measures had not been

"We have to borrow to cover

Mitsotakis reaffirmed his gov-

ernment's decision to sell debt-

ridden staté firms and said that

even profitable ones would be

handed to the private sector in

accordance with his new demo-

cracy party's pledge to liberalise

employees would be dismissed by

the end of May when their con-

tracts expired because the state

have been planned, including a

teachers' strike scheduled for this

week which will prevent students

from taking university entrance

strike movements and a negative

attitude toward our policy in

general... but the lack of money is the final law," Mitsotakis told

He said that in order to restore

the government's credibility at

home and abroad people should

"Our measures are correct

and we will back them but I don't

know if they are enough. If they

are not then we will add more,

"We are faced today with

More anti-government protests

could not pay them.

He said 100,000 part-time state

consumer needs and our borrow-

ing ability is soon reaching its

taken, Mitsotakis said.

end," he said,

the economy.

examinations.

be told the truth.

Mitsotakis said.

has no

issue at the level of heads of state. The meeting of oil ministers Hisham Nazer of Saudi Arabia, Mana Saced Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates and Issam Al Chalabi of Iraq late Monday on the margins of the summit indicated the Iraqi leadership was

persuaded to keep the matter low

No details emerged in the immediate wake of the tripartite ministerial parley but the sources said they met to coordinate production and marketing policies and agreement was reached on the necessity of abiding by the OPEC-decreed production quotas for the cartel's 13 member

The Iraci minister, they said,

currently hosting to raise the prescribed for Iraq, a daily average of 3.14 million barrels. Otaiba and Nazer also committed themselves similarly, they

added without elaborating.

He said the ministers decided to ask their heads of state to discuss it with Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, in Baghdad.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said earlier this mouth that his country, a major producer in OPEC, has stopped all spot sales to an already saturated market.

Only Saudi Arabia is believed to have cut its production in line with an OPEC agreement earlier this months which required substantial reductions by Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi promised to abide by the quota Arabia to shore up sagging oil

prices.
Sheikh Ali pledged at an OPEC emergency meeting in Geneva on May 3 to return to Kuwait's quota of 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) as part of an agreement to cut the group's overall output by 1.445 million bpd for the May-July period.

The move was designed to reverse a 25 per cent slide in world oil prices this year.

Oil prices initially firmed after Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter, cut its output by around 400,000 bpd, but later fell after oil industry executives estimated that OPEC's 13 members had cut overall output by no more than 900,000 bpd.

A Kuwaiti source said the move to end spot sales would cut Kuwaiti output by up to 150,000

willing to help you put them across right away. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Show one who has considerable power over your affairs that you value and appreciate the association and your career can

Saudi Arabia are South Yemenis who fled when Aden turned socialist after independence from Britain in 1967.

businessmen in neighbouring

These entreprenuers many of whom do not feel entirely secure as naturalised Saudis — could easily build a base of operations in Yemen as a kind of insurance policy, economists say.

"Peoeple are not putting money into the south just yet - they are waiting to see what will happen and how compensation for nationalised properties is handled," one economist said. ,

The merged parliament is discussing a draft investment law which will cut red tape for local and foreign businessmen, offer more liberal incentives, and allow people to raise their own foreign exchange.

Remittances

ly hit by steep fails in remittances from expatriates working in oil-rich Gulf states.

Many Yemeni expatriates change their money in the Saudi city of Jeddah and then deposit part of it abroad or spend it on smuggled goods

## Yemen unity to boost economy

SANAA (R) — An end to years of tension between the two Yemens should allow cuts in military spending and help the economy of the newlymerged Yemeni republic, officials and economists say.

They predict that a more stable atmosphere within the new Arabian peninsula state --with a combined army of around 64,000 - will encourage more Yemenis to invest badly-needed foreign capital at home.

"One of the main benefits of unity is the removal of military tension - it means less defence allocations and more stability," the republic's new Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Iryani told Reuters.

North and South Yemen, which merged last week after being divided for more than three centuries, fought a fierce border war in 1972 and had been on poor terms for years. Now, green-capped soldiers from the south patrol alongside

they were once trained to fight. Soldiers of both armies were withdrawn from major cities and some units were exchanged and deployed across their old borders ahead of the

maroon-bereted northerners

merger.
Official statistics show North Yemen spent \$471 million on

Yemen were not available. The Sanaa-based government is expected to announce a six-month budget for the new

defence and security in 1988 -

around 27 per cent of total

expenditure. Recent figures

for the formerly socialist South

state next week. North Yemen had predicted a deficit of \$600 million for 1990.

Initially costly

Analysts say initially, the merger will be costly as the new government will have to raise southern pay scales to northern levels.

There will be teething problems as southern economic institutions - once run by doctrinaire socialists — liberalise and merge with northern ones.

But analysts are optimistic that funds will be forthcoming for investment in the united Northern oil revenues

reached \$560 million in 1989 and are expected to rise further this year. There is expectation of new oil finds in the lessexplored south, which experts say has much larger reserves.

A key issue is whether the new state can convince wealthy investors from the south who are now living abroad to bring their money home.

Some of the wealthiest

Both Yemens had been bad-

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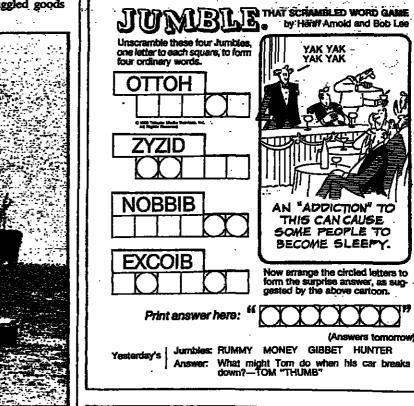
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#### "In all honesty the Greek people can not afford to pay. There is no ability to satisfy financial demands by any sector," Mitsotakis told parliament in a speech defending his government's first 50 Price hikes and the privatisation of debt-ridden state firms aimed at reducing huge public deficits, the root of Greece's economic problems, have prompted Mitsotakis defended his measures as the least his government could do to counter public sector deficits and raise 'Greece's "We had repeated reports from the Organisation for Economic Development, the International Monetary Fund and the European Community and the conclusions are the same: The Greek economy has reached a most critical point and urgent measures are needed," he said.

The oil refinery in the peninsula of Little Aden opposite Aden. The merger of North and South Yemen is expected to revitalise the economy

especially since South Yemen's oil reserves have not been fully exploited (file photo).

#### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

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One ounce of gold 369.80/369.30

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#### By Reuters

TOKYO - Stocks closed sharply lower as the yen fell against the dollar. Profit-taking after five days of gains also pushed prices down. The Nikkei Index fell 373.94 to 32,817.67.

SYDNEY — The market closed firmer, dominated by optionsrelated trading in National Australia Bank. The All Ordinaries Index ended 9.8 up at 1,495.0.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended lower as traders awaited the World Bank's decision due later in the day on resuming loans to China. The Hang Seng Index ended 10.95 down at 3,048.55. SINGAPORE — Share prices closed generally weaker in quiet trade on profit-taking, lack of fresh buying orders and a fall in Tokyo. However the Straits Times Industrial Index rose 0.87 to 1,558.20 on bullish views about some index-linked stocks.

**BOMBAY** — Shares ended mixed after a bullish opening spell triggered profit-taking led by state-owned Mutual Funds. The Bombay Stock Exchange index closed up 1.44 at 811.59.

FRANKFURT — Shares ended higher as sentiment swung from the hesitant mood that has dogged the market in the last few weeks. The Dax Index rose 13.78 to 1,842.74. ZURICH - Shares closed 1.5 pct higher in lively trading,

encouraged by expectations that Swiss interest rates had peaked. The All-Share SPI index rose 17.6 to 1,165.1.

PARIS — Prices ended slightly higher, extending late-morning gains in quiet trading helped by ELF's rebound and Wall Street's firmer opening. The CAC-40 index closed up 8.70 at 2,123.09. LONDON - Shares extended early gains in late business, aided by a higher Wall Street opening, but volume remained light. At 1448 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 25.7 at 2,291.3.

NEW YORK — Blue chips showed moderate gains and the market was generally higher in morning trading but investors were cautious. The Dow was up 10 at 2,831.

## Turkey's roller coaster economy may rush back to high growth

By Elif Kaban Reuter

ISTANBUL — Bucking high inflation and political uncertainty, Turkey's roller coaster economy is showing signs of heading back to high growth.

A new mood is evident in

Istanbul, where smart cars abound and a building boom is throwing up apartment blocks. State-run Turkish Airlines has even started serving coffee and chocolates instead of water on its internal flights.

Statistics underpin the optimism. Industrial output rose 11.3 per cent in the first quarter of this year over the same 1989 period, and gross national product (GNP) is officially tipped to surge 5.7 per cent this year after 1.7 per cent last year.

Only a year ago shopkeepers used to complain of days that went by without a "siftah" — a first sale of the day, as the government hit economic brakes hard to combat infla-

"It's now quite evident that there has been a considerable. recovery in industrial output," said Ali Tigrel, head of the State Planning Organisation.

"And consumer demand has

been picking up."

But many businessmen are wary. Swift GNP growth over much of the past decade, hitting 8.1 per cent in 1986, sparked inflation that has not gone away and the economy may be unable to bear a new round of expansion.

Inflation was an annual 63.5 per cent in April and the government's failure to pull it down is being slammed by the opposition, newspapers and economists. Opinion polls show popular

support for the ruling Motherland Party, which must call a general election by 1992, at just 10 per cent.

Eighty-four per cent of businessmen still think the economy is in bad shape, a newspaper survey showed. And 69 per cent think the future will be no better.

There is a feeling that the government lacks the direction needed to build on a decade of export-driven growth. "The government has

changed its policy to revive domestic consumption," said Aydin Ulusan, general manager of Istanbul's Birlesik Yatir-

im Bank, commenting on a switch away from deflationary moves of the last two years such as tight credit. "It looks like election econo-

mics," he said. "Companies are cautious."

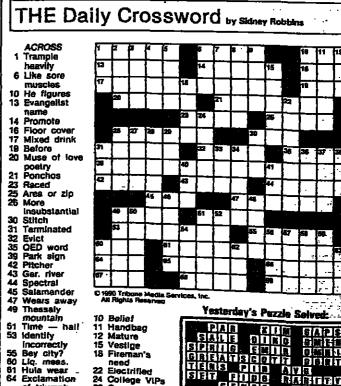
said Richard Arsenault, general manager of Koc-Amerikan Bank AS. "They have difficulty understanding whether this is as sustained (economic upsurge) or not." Summer houses, portable

phones and satellite television from Europe are becoming available to the average Turk through easily obtainable loans. Newspapers are full of advertisements for cars and household goods.

Some foreign bankers think the bullish atmosphere is justified by the healthy black eco-

"One can't judge completely by the figures published here as there's such a substantial unofficial economy that is not recorded." said David Carpita, general manager of Istanbul's Yatirim Bank.

Government estimates of the black economy vary between 15 and 20 per cent of





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## Scotland

VALLETTA (R) — Bayern Munich striker Alan McInally scored both Scotland's goals as the World Cup finalists struggled to overcome Malta 2-1 in a friendly soccer international

Scotland, who lost 3-1 at home. to Egypt 12 days ago and had won only one of their previous seven matches, scored their winner with

They had looked set for a huge victory in their final warm-up game before the World Cup when McInally grabbed a giorious opening goal after just five minutes with a powerful drive,

Malta, without a win in their previous 19 internationals, looked apprehensive, but when the Scots subsequently failed to make anything of their vast pos-session, the Maltese grew in con-

They equalised two minutes from halftime when Michael Degiorgio's long-range free-kick pierced the defensive wall, possibly taking a deflection past firsthalf keeper Andy Goran.

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Four second-half substitutions brought renewed fire to Scotland's play, but it was McInally who has now scored three goals in seven internationals, who did most to stretch the home side's

Manager Andy Roxburgh's only injury worry from the game was defender Gary Gillespie, who came off just before halftime when he received knock in a heavy tackle.

#### Umbria shocks Brazil

In other games, star-studded Brazil, who will be vying for their fourth World Cup in the finals starting next month, went down to a shock 1-0 defeat in a warmup friendly against an Umbria selection Monday.

Umbria striker Artistico was too quick for goalkeeper Taffarel, beating him to the ball to score the only goal six minutes from the start from a corner kick. It was Umbria's only corner to Brazil's 11, but the home team managed to withstand almost constant pressure with a mixture of luck and poor finishing from a Brazil attack boasting such names as Careca - Muller, Valdo, Romario and Bebeto.

## Italy plays Greece today overcomes in warm up soccer match

manager Azeglio Vicini hopes history will repeat itself when the World Cup hosts take on Greece Wednesday in their last warm-up match before next month's finals. In 1934, when the Italians won the World Cup on home soil,

their last friendly in the run-up was a 4-0 victory over the Greeks in Milan. Greece also provided Vicini

with his first success as Italian manager after taking over from Enzo Bearzot who led the side to triumph in the 1982 World Cup. Vicini's debut in charge of the team was marked by a 2-0 win against the Greeks in Bologna in

Giuseppe Bergomi scoring both

enbauer, in charge of West Ger-

many for the last time on home

soil, has told his players to move

their game up a gear in their final

World Cup warm-up match

The Germans, beaten finalists

at the 1982 and 1986 World Cups,

produced a cautious but confi-

dence-building performance in

their 1-0 victory over Czechoslo-

Beckenbauer, so immersed in

preparation that he hardly

noticed the Denmark friendly

was his last home game — he

Puckett's second homer of the

game, a three-run shot in the

seventh inning, boosted the Min-

nesota Twins to A 6-4 victory

over the Baltimore Orioles Mon-

day for their fifth straight victory.

the bottom of the seventh when

Junior Ortiz hit a one-out double

and Dan Gladden singled him to

third. After Fred Manrique

op for two extra tricks was clubs. So

at trick two declarer led a club to the

queen, which held. When South next cashed the ace of clubs, East

followed with the card he was

known to hold-the king. Afraid

West now held two club tricks, de-

clarer elected to abandon the suit in favor of the diamond finesse. That

lost and a grateful East cashed the jack of clubs—down one. East defended beautifully, but

declarer could have handled matters better. After the queen of clubs won, South should have conceded a

club trick immediately, while he still

retained the ace. Any return can

then be won in the closed hand and the ace of clubs can be cashed.

well and the fulfilling trick is there for the taking. If the suit doesn't

break, declarer can fall back on the

diamond finesse.

What if, at trick two, the club

finesse were to lose? There is still

also must have length in spades.

For information about Charles

If both defenders follow, all is

The Twins trailed 4-2 entering

against Denmark Wednesday.

October 1986, with captain

in a match for Inter," said the Internazionale Milan defender, one of five survivors from the Bologna game. "I hope it augurs well for all Wednesday at

Vicini said the Greek squad included seven players from the 1986 clash.

"This means we'll meet an experienced side and the match will be a good test for us," he said. In eight previous encounters with Greece, the Italians have won five times, drawn twice and lost once.

Italy will not be at full strength as midfielder Roberto Donadoni will be the only AC Milan player

Vicini is resting the Milan play-"I'll never forget that match. ers - Franco Baresi, Paolo Mal-

"If I hadn't been reminded

(about the last match at home), I

wouldn't have realised," he said.

"What's more important is that

Beckenbauer, whose side play

everyone runs a lot harder in this

in group D with Yugoslavia, Col-

umbia and the United Arab Emi-

rates, is expected to field an

almost unchanged side against

with new players after failing to

Raimond Aumann, who is mak-

ing a late bid to be number one

Bayern Munich goalkeeper

reach the Italian finals.

**Beckenbauer tells West** 

GELSENKIRCHEN, West Ger- line-up to push themselves in

vakia in Duesseldorf at the the Danes, who are rebuilding

leaves the job after next month's choice after some superb club

finals - is keen for his first-choice from this season, is expected to position.

**Puckett's homer lifts Twins** 

to 6-4 victory over Orioles

many (R) — Coach Franz Beck- their final dress rehearsal.

Germans to move up a gear

## Bulls even series with Pistons

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 19 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter Monday and the Chicago Bulls, who had all but blown a 19-point lead, defeated the Detroit Pistons 108-101 to even their National Basketball Association (NBA) Eastern Conference best-of-7 playoff at two games each.

The Bulls built a 57-38 lead early in the second half before Joe Dumars took charge for the Pistons, scoring 17 of his 24 points in the third period to cut the margin to 71-68.

But Jordan, limited to only three points in the third period, scored 13 of Chicago's first 16 points in the first six minutes of the final quarter. And John Paxson, who finished with 17 points, made a 3-point basket and converted a three-point play in the closing minutes before the Bulls iced it with free throws.

The series shifts to Detroit Wednesday night, and game no. 6 will be played at Chicago Friday night. If a seventh game is needed, it will be played at Detroit next Sunday.

Isiah Thomas led Detroit with

26 points and Dennis Rodman had 20. Except for the Detroit-domin-

ated third period, the Bulls were in charge most of the way. There were five ties early in the first quarter, the last at 12-12 after a basket by James Edwards.

Bill Cartwright hit two straight to start a 12-1 Chicago run that included three-point plays by Scottie Pippen and Jordan. The Bulls kept up the attack and turned it into a 16-4 run as

the quarter ended with Chicago on top 28-16. Neither team was able to score in the first 21/2 minutes of the second period but Vinnie Johnson broke the spell with Detroit's

first field goal in 8½ minutes. The Pistons had gone without a basket since Edwards had tied it 12-12. The Pistons were unable to get closer than 10 points in the second quarter. The Bulls went ahead 39-24 with 5:07 left and

upped it 51-33 on a Jordan drive

Rodman scored the final basket of the half and the Bulls left the court with what appeared to be a comfortable 51-35 lead. Jordan made two free throws to open the third quarter and the Bulls upped it to 57-38 before Dumars caught fire. Dumars led an 8-2 run, and the Pistons later went on a 10-2 run to cut the lead

nutes left in the quarter.

## Spaniard teenager breaks Edberg's French Open battle

error-plagued Swede fell to the patience and passing shots of skinny Spanish teenager Sergi

Edberg, seeded No.1 in a grand slam tournament for the first time, lost seven consecutive games, going from a 4-2 led in the first set to a 3-0 deficit in the second. After that, Bruguera let the Swede beat himself with mistakes, posting a 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 upset on centre court.

It was the first time a top seed - men's or women's - had lost in the first round here since Manuel Santana defaulted because of an injury in 1965. The last time a men's top seed failed to make it past the first round in any grand slam tournament was 1971, when John Newcombe lost to Jan Kodes at the U.S. Open.

As the clay-court tournament began its second day, the latest teenage sensation of women's tennis made her grand slam de-

U.S. 14-year-old Jennifer Capriati broke Sandrine Testud's service in the very first game and, watched by a crowd that included seven-time French Open champion Chris Evert, went on to a 6-1, 6-2 victory.

Last year, Capriati won the French Open juniors title. This year's she's aiming at the top ртопр.

"I sense a difference," she said. "Last year I'd be finished with my play and I'd watch the (women's) final on TV. Now, this year, here's my chance. I could

Besides losing his shot at the French title, Edberg also will miss a chance to take over the world's top ranking from absent Ivan

Bruguera, a 6-foot-1, 160ound (1.85-metre, 73kilogramme) 19-year-old from Barcelona, isn't overly strong. But he has the minde of a clavcourter, waiting for openings and striking when they appear.

Edberg does better on fast courts, such as the Wimbledon grass where he was champion in 1988. He likes to attack at the net, a tactic that can be disastrous on clay. Edberg tried to volley, espe

cially against Bruguera's fairly weak serve. But the Spaniard usually countered with a backing shot or just ball in play until Edberg made a turned and walked toward the net

A stretch in the second set typified the match.

Down a set and 1-0, Edberg an easy volley, sent his first serve ear the baseline, followed with a backhand yards long and netted another volley to hand Bruguera the break and a 2-0 lead. Bruguera increased that to 3-0 on three Edberg errors and a service winner. He held serve for a 4-1 lead, using three more Edberg errors and a backhand passing

In the sixth game, Edberg steadied and Bruguera looked vulnerable, with the Swede pouncing on short shots. It was a momentary glitch. Bruguera reestablished command in the seventh game and broke for the set, the last two points coming on a chipped forehand service return and a desperation lob by Edberg that went long.

From there, it was over quickly as Edberg ended it by sending a backhand wide.

"I was confident because I play better on clay than on fast surfaces," said Bruguera, an Italian Open semifinalist last year before making it to the fourth round in the 1989 French Open. "I was confident that if I could, I could win. You might have thought it would have made me nervous, but it wasn't the case at all." Edberg was the second men's

seed knocked out of the tournament on Tuesday. Carl Uwe Steeb of West Ger-

many, the 16th-seed, defaulted because of an injury. In another early match,

women's seventh seed Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States advanced with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Kate McDonald of Austra-

On Monday's opening day, an old favorite of French tennis fans, Andre Agessi, turned from a party goer into a boorish moza-

Boos filled court 2 at the French Open Monday as Agassi crossed the line between frustration and surliness. He won, but he won ugly.

The 4-6, 7-6, 6-0, 6-1 elimination of unknown Canadian Martin Wostenholme by the No. 3 seed from Las Vegas, Nevada, was almost incidental. Featured were velling at officials; smashing a racket in two and hitting his opponent so hard in the back with e shot that Wostenholma

o fight. ''Sometimes when you're warming up with Agassi, you feel like a straight man in a vaudeville could not hold serve. He netted show," Wostenholme said. The top banana said he was just doing

what came naturally.
"I was frustrated," Agassi said. "I didn't feel that good even at the end of the match... when I get mad, there's only one way, like today. Mad is as good as frustrated. I didn't have things together.'

Agassi was the top men's seed in action on opening day. although he had to share centre estage with two other stars defending men's champion Michael Chang and top-ranked woman Steffi Graf.

Chang, seeded 11th, struggled in the middle of his match but advanced with a 6-2, 7-6, 6-1 victory over Cassio Motta of Bra-

It was only the third victory for Chang this year and his first on clay, but he said it was great to be back at the scene of his greatest triumph - becoming the youngest men's grand slam tournament winner, and the first American man to win the French Open in 34 years.

"Something about Paris just clicks with me," Chang said. "I don't know what it is — the people, the clay or the bread."

Graf, plagued in recent weeks by family problems and her first loss since the women's final here a year ago, beat Pascale Paradis of France 6-0, 6-2. Her foreband had lost none its sting as she took just 39 minutes to complete the

"You only think about (a loss) for a short time, then you know you are going to Paris, and it's a ner toningment, is the first are going to be different mate. she said. "I'm here, and I'm

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Kirby struck out, Puckett hit Joe Price's Larry Sheets, Matt Nokes and 2-2 pitch deep into the left-centre

Gene Larkin and Gary Gaetti also homered for the Twins, who tied a club record with their 19th victory in May. Randy Milligan hit his third homer for the

Juan Berenguer (4-0) pitched

hits for his third straight complete-game victory and Kevin Seitzer hit a pair of doubles, giving him five straight extra-base hits, as Kansas City equalled its longest winning streak of the season at three straight.

Seitzer doubled and scored to lane had an RBI single in the second and Macfarlane and Terry Shumpert hit consecutive doubles the fourth on two-out singles by wild pitch.

Tracy Jones and in the ninth on Nokes' third homer. Loser Brian Dubois (2-3) yielded three runs and 10 hits in six innings.

retained the European Cup in the

final against Benfica a week ago.

Donadoni missed the match

Besides Bergomi, goalkeeper

Walter Zenga, Donadoni, mid-

star striker Gianluca Vialli plaved

in the 1986 match against Greece.

giadis sees the match as a test for

his side's preparations for the

favourites in the World Cup but

we will try our best to show

Greece can become an upcoming

force in European soccer," he

we are not facing any (injury)

"I hope my team will do well as

But apart from Aumann, the

West Germans are likely to start

the match with the side that

looked much more secure in de-

fence against Czechoslovakia af-

ter a hesistant defensive display

in a 3-3 draw with Uruguay last

Veteran Libero Klaus Au-

genthaler, returning after injury,

provided more security at the

back against the Czechoslovaks.

before the Germans' first match

against Yugoslavia in Milan on

June 10, the only question facing

Beckenbauer is whether to play

talented midfielder Thomas

Haessler in a wide or central

With less than two weeks to go

1992 European championship.

Greek coach Antonis Geor-

"The Italian team is one of the

fielder Fernando De Napoli and

through suspension.

Chicago raised baseball's best home record to 16-6 by scoring the winning run on seventhinning singles by Scott Fletcher and Robin Ventura, both of two hitless innings for the victory. whom started the game hitting In Kansas City, Missouri, Bret under .200. Eric King (4-0) held Saberhagen (4-3) scattered nine the Yankees to three hits in eight the ninth for his 15th save.

Fletcher, who came into the game hitting .192, opened the seventh with a single off Tim Leary (3-5). He took second on Ozzie Guillen's sacrifice, went to third as Lance Johnson grounded lead off the game. Mike Macfar- out and scored when Ventura, who began the game with a .143 average, grounded a single up the middle. Fletcher also scored Chiin the seventh. Detroit scored in cago's first run in the fourth on a

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## **Bush: We have a better chance** now for a lasting world peace

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President George Bush, back from a weekend of boating and golf in Maine, is closeting himself in the White House for intensive preparations before what he predicts will be a no-surprises summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

His schedule for Tuesday and Wednesday was clear of ceremonies, speeches and other routine appointments that often crowd the president's schedule.

Instead, Bush said he would spend the time in "intensive consultations" with top advisers to be sure all is ready for Gorbachev's arrival for four days starting Thursday.

"I think I know the issues. Bush told reporters Monday in Kennebunkport, Maine. "German unification, Germany's role in NATO, arms control, START. conventional forces, chemical weapons, nuclear treaties. ...

we've got a big agenda."

Meanwhile, U.S. and Soviet negotiators tied up loose ends on a trade agreement that would let the two countries sell more to each other, the New York Times

The Soviet Union would re-

ceive the lowest available tariffs in the United States to sell more vodka, furs, textiles and other goods, and it would be eligible for U.S. government credit program-

mes, the newspaper reported. The United States won agreements on improved software copyright protection, faster action on getting commercial representation in Moscow and a start on repayment of the Soviets' World War II era lend-lease debts, the Times said.

A major Soviet goal for the summit has been to win most favoured nation trade status with the United States.

But Bush noted Monday that Moscow has not enacted a law relaxing emigration rules. "so I don't think that issue will be an action item. I expect it will be talked about because as they move towards a free market economy, trade with the West is

vitally important to them." Earlier, setting out to play golf, Bush said he believes Gorbachev is "pretty darn strong" despite the tumult in the Soviet Union over plans to raise food prices sharply in a jarring move toward

a free market economy. Asked if he expected any surprises from Gorbachev, Bush said,"I don't think so," but added, "I don't know. You always hear about that. I don't think so.

Bush, who sprang a 17-point surprise package of his own at December's summit in Malta, laughed and said no when asked if he had anything up his sleeve.

He said Gorbachev "has enormous problems. but it's not our business as the United States to sort out the other person's economic problems. We've got some of our own."

And he singled out the Soviet pressure ion Lithuania and the other Baltic states as "one situation that concerns me enormously.'

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas Tuesday said there could be an East-West crisis if the Western alliance failed to calm Soviet worries about a uni-

From its first detection by a

U.S. spy satellite in July 1983, the

The Krasnoyarsk station was

part of a chain of Soviet radars to

detect incoming U.S. nuclear

ties, the radars were permitted

The Krasnovarsk radar was lo-

Under the 1972 anti-ballistic

president of Russia fied Germany joining NATO.

Dumas said in a radio interview

opposed his election.

puties when the vote by the

Yeltsin needed 531 of the 1.060

His nearest rival, Russian Pre-

mier Alexander Vlasov, received

It was Yeltsin's third attempt to

win the Russian presidency and came after he offered to create a

coalition government with his

He was elected by the Russian

Congress, and not directly by the

people: The popular and outspoken

Communist had lost the second

round of voting Saturday by just 28 votes and he lost the first

round Friday with 497 ballots to

473 for Krasnodar regional Com-

munist Party chief Ivan Polozkov.

day he would invite members of

the Communist Party bloc and

others to "work out a deal that

would please the majority of Rus-

After a day of nominations and

speeches, Yeltsin, Vlasov and Valentin Tsoy, a little-known

businessman from the Soviet Far

East, remained in the race. Vla-

sov had Gorbachev's support,

and is seen as less hard-line than

Polozkov — Yeltsin's opponent

Yeltsin also called on the con-

gress to reject the government's

programme for a transition to a

partial market economy, which

citizens of Russia under its de-

fence," he said, arguing that

alternative programmes for the

transition would not be as painful

Yeltsin was quoted Tuesday as

"I believe I can still come to

agreement with Gorbachev." the

Finnish afternoon paper Italehti

quoted him as saying in an inter-

saying he believed he could reach

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view Saturday.

"The congress must take the

was presented Thursday.

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Yeltsin told the congress Mon-

conservative opponents.

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members to win.

467 votes.

that he sympathised with Gor-MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin bachev's opposition to a reunited Tuesday was elected president of Germany's membership in the the Russian Federation, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisalargest Soviet republic. He won tion (NATO). Gorbachev has taken a suddenmajority he needed.

ly tough stand on the question, saying it could upset the delicate balance of power in Europe and warning that Moscow could revise its stance on disarmament and cooperation if the West continued to discuss the idea.

"The request concerning the security of the Soviet Union is in my view legitimate," Dumas said on the Europe-1 network. "It is the duty of the West to address

"If we do not find a proper solution within a reasonable period of time there is a threat of crisis or tension between East and West," he added.

Diplomatic sources said Dumas' statements could reflect growing concern for Gorbachev's position at home or French fears

Bush said Saturday he hoped to persuade Gorbachev to go along with the idea of Germany joining NATO during this week's Washington summit .

#### Taiwan parliament approves new premier

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan's parliament Tuesday approved the appointment of a veteran military leader as prime minister — but only after a day of violent protests in which petrol bombs were hurled at a luxury hotel and cups full of urine at riot police.

Parliament approved Defence Minister Han Pei-Tsun's appointment by 186 votes to 27 with 12 spoiled ballots, Speaker Liang

Su-Jong announced. Taiwan's premier is appointed by the president and confirmed by parliament and is not himself

an elected official. The appointment of Hau, who tepped down in December as Taiwan's longest-serving military chief of staff, has infuriated the

opposition Democratic Progressive Party and its supporters. They see it as a betrayal of President Lee Teng-Hui's avowed commitment to democra-

As parliament met, about 2.000 protesters threw Molotov cocktails at buildings and burned bus in Taipei, witnesses said.

dows. They also threw petrol bombs at the Lai Lai Sheraton, where protesters earlier in the day had rampaged through the lobby.

At least two policemen and one protester were burned.

There were several arrests. Witnesses said the protesters set fire to at least one bus they had commandeered.

The protesters repeatedly battled police, throwing rocks, rubbish bins, paint and cups of urine at them. Police in full riot gear responded with fierce truncheon charges and blasts from water саппоп.

Several people were injured, witnesses said. Opposition politicians protest-

ing the appointment delayed the vote for hours by filibusters and fighting.

They continued to disrupt the proceedings once voting began and disputed the counting of the ballots, witnesses said. At one point opposition de-

outies forced Speaker Liang Su-Jung, 70, from his chair, which they then hurled from the dais. Liang called more than 50 police into the hall to restore order, further infuriating the

opposition politicians.

"We are totally against a military general becoming premier ...
we cannot expect genuine political reform in the near future." said opposition member of parliament Hong Chi-Chang, who has been on a hunger strike for three days

in protest at the appointment. Hau, 71, Saturday resigned his commission as a four-star general but opposition leaders say he is still too closely connected with the military.

The opposition also objects to

parliament still being controlled by members elected in China before the Nationalists fled the Communist victory in 1949. They repeatedly said Speaker

liang had no right to preside over the meeting and the China-elected deputies had no right to The China-elected members. most in their 70s and 80s, still hold a majority of seats in the

chamber and have not faced the

#### **Armenians mourn** Yeltsin elected victims in clashes

MOSCOW (AP) -- Black ribbons hung from windows and cars, and somber music filled the airwaves Tuesday as Armenians mourned 24 people killed in clashes with Soviet troops. No memorial marches were

planned, said Bela Avitisyan, an 535 votes, four more than the editor of the official Armenian News Agency Armenpress. The election gives Yeltsin, 59, In a telephone interview from

a visible platform from which to Yerevan, the republic's capital, wage his campaign for acceleratshe said the streets were quiet ing the reforms of Soviet Presiand that they were adorned in the dent Mikhail Gorbachev, who red, blue and orange flag of Armenia. Local radio interrupted The burly Siberian stood to regular programmes to broadcast applanse from the floor of the only somber music, she said. Russian Congress of People's De-

Leaders of the Armenian Communist Party and the republic's government declared Tuesday a day of mourning for those slain in Sunday's fighting between Nationalist militants and soldiers, according to Radio Yerevan and the\_independent Interfax news

service. Avitisvan said casualties. according to official reports, were 24 dead and 59 wounded. She did not have a breakdown of how many were killed in which incident, or know how many were civilians or soldiers.

Gen. Yuri Shatalin, the commander of Soviet forces in Armenia, accused the republic's leaders of aiding armed Nationalists who have clashed with his troops.

"Bloodshed in Yerevan is the

forcement agencies with illegal armed groups," the Soviet News Agency TASS quoted Shatalin as Shatalin told TASS the situa-

republican leadership and law car

tion was "developing most unpredictably." Accounts of the fighting

varied. The Nationalists said Soviet soldiers fired on unarmed civilians. Soviet officials said Armenian militants attacked army patrois.

The Soviet evening television news programme "Vremya" Monday showed bullet-scarred walls at the railroad station and bloodstains on seats. It called the militants "terrorists."

A mass rally was held Monday by the Armenian National Movement to commemorate Armenia's 1918 declaration of independence, TASS reported, adding without elaboration that "an ominous shadow" was cast over the observation. Armenia was annexed by the Soviet Union in

In more than two years, several hundred people have been killed in violence in Armenia and neighbouring Azerbaijan. The republics have been locked in a bitter struggle for control of Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian enclave inside Azerbaijan.

Soviet soldiers have been deployed in both republics to quell result of open connivance of the the violence.

## Bhutto seeks solution to rising Karachi violence

by criticism that she had done too little too late to stop a wave of ethnic violence, met with senior political and military leaders Tuesday to find a solution.

that has left nearly 250 people Sind province.

"The country is confronted with civil war," said opposition leader Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi at a news conference in Islamabad. the capital. "How long can th government be... like the ostrich

President Ghulam Ishaq Khan strongly condemned the killings that he blamed in part on overzealous security forces. He urged

meetings in Karachi, the nation's largest city with the embattled province government and with Gen. Mirza Aslam Beg, the army chief of staff, who cut short a visit

is in Sind province and has also been wracked by fighting.
Shootings and clashes between rival ethnic groups and security forces in Karachi Monday killed at least 36 people, including a leading opposition member of parliament and five Hindus. Authorities clamped an indefinite

"Organised games have become

## KARACHI (AP) — Prime restore law and order. Minister Benazir Bhutto, beset Bhutto called for en Bhutto called for emergency

The prime minister faces

attacks from all quarters — even from her own Pakistan People's Party (PPP) — for the violence dead and more than 1,000 wounded in the past two weeks in

with its head buried in the sand?"

to Bangladesh. Karachi, Pakistan's financial and industrial hub,

army-supervised curfew in many

the order of the day. No road in the province is safe and safety of life cannot be assured," said Makhdom Khaleeq-Uz-Zaman, Bhutto to explore all options to who represents Bhutto's party.

## U.K. sees progress in bid They threw petrol bombs at the government information office to end N. Ireland stalemate

DUBLIN (R) - A fresh effort by Britain to end political stalemate in Northern Ireland is making steady progress, a British cabinet

minister said in Dublin. **But Northern Ireland Secretary** 

Peter Brooke added: "As those who have lived through this saga in the 'past will recall, we take these things one step at a time."

Brooke, appointed to his post last July, came to Dublin to brief Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey and Foreign Minister Gerry Collins on his plans to bring opposing politicians in Northern Ireland around a conference table.

His ultimate aim is to recreate power-sharing administration in Northern Ireland, which has been controlled directly by London

Republican Army (IRA) guerril-las seeking to end British rule of the province by force.

Almost 3.000 people have been killed in the past 20 years in Northern Ireland's political and sectarian strife.

Brooke has already met representatives of the majority Protestants, who want the province to remain part of Britain, and moderate Roman Catholics who seek

Irish unity by peaceful means. None of them has disclosed details of what was discussed. But their silence prompted speculation that at least "talks about talks" were moving ahead.

Brooke himself gave no firm predictions at a joint news conference with Collins in Dublin Mon-

There is a continuing motivation on all sides to reach agreement," Brooke said, "But there will be no statement until the current negotiations are con-Collins agreed that the talks

were moving steadily forward. He was asked about one possible sticking point for Protestant leaders - their objections to the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985, which gives Dublin a consultative voice in the daily running of the north.

"We are aware of pre-conditions and a number of questions raised by different political representatives. And, obviously, we have to find ways of dealing with their anxieties and concerns,"

## Soviets who live near nuclear test site meet U.S. counterparts

the Kazakhs crowded around her.

Eyes widened. We have seen such mushroom clouds from here, too," said a grizzled old man in this ranch town on the Central Asian steppe, where the landscape is remarkably similar to that around

U.S. testing sites in Nevada, Karaul is 200 kilometres downwind from a spot where nuclear bombs are routinely tested deep

They were taking part in a four-day conference of anti-nuclear activists from 21 countries. Atmospheric testing was conducted by the U.S. and Soviets until it was banned under a treaty in 1963, but some radiation Janet Gordon, the sheep rancher's daughter.

Under the old man's banner. which read, "We are nuclear vic-tims, too," a young mother grasped her little boy's shoulder.

"I came to Kazakhstan to meet people like you," Mrs. Gor-On the steppe, activists traded

fears, research and political strategy with residents who in just one year have been transformed from silenced victims into successful protesters.

lear Movement, named for test sites in the two countries, and exerted enough pressure that the Soviet government has not conducted an underground nuclear blast there since October.

"This is my brother," Mrs. Gordon told the Kazakhs

crowded around her photographs. "He was watching our sheep when the cloud of radiation came over in 1954. He got burns jon his arms, and his hair fell out. The sheep died. His horse died."

brother had cancer of the pancreas. He died after four more painful years, Mrs. Gordon said. In the 1950s, said Amantai

Isin, a 39-year-old historian, his family lived in a village located within the boundaries of the test site. Officials would take them away during a blast, but bring them back home the same day. No one ever suggested washing of fall-out, or not drinking the milk from the family cows.

After one great blast in 1954.

#### Albanians puzzled by 'free market' at London airport

LONDON (R) — An Albanian soccer team fell foul of British police Monday after loading up on goods worth £2,000 (3,500) from an airport shop labelled "duty-free" — which the players thought meant they didn't have to pay. Police detained thirty mem-bers of the Albanian under-21 football squad at London's Heathrow Airport after the goods disappeared from shelves. "Apparently when the Albanians saw the words "duty-free," they thought they could take anything they wanted free of charge," an airport spokesman said. Police said they had problems finding an interpreter to question the players, who were travelling from Rome to Reykjavik for a friendly match in Iceland. "The goods have been recovered and we are not pressing charges," a Scotland Yard spokesman said. The squad were told to leave the country and escorted on to a plane to Reykjavik.

#### Inflation pushes up price of crime

TOKYO (R) — Japan is considering across-the-board hikes in fines for criminal offences to keep. pace with inflation, a Justice Ministry spokesman has said. "Fines have remained unchanged since 1972 and it is about time to adjust them," he said. "We are planning to set them about 2.5 times higher." Consumer prices have nearly tripled in the past 18 years, the spokesman said.

#### **Chitty Chitty Bang** Bang leads motor raily to Peking

PEKING (R) - A 1912 Lancia, nicknamed Chitty Chitty Bang Bang after the temperamental car in the film of the same name, led a horn-honking line of vintage cars into Peking after a journey of 14.659 kilometres and 5? days from London. "Chirty," the oldest of the 69 cars which left Britain, needed almost 40 tyre changes and some wheel refits as the imotorcade bounced eastward along the old "silk road." but its antique engine worked like a dream, said a mechanic with the rally. Not all the cars were vintage and the one entry that failed to make it to Peking was a 1990 Lamborghini costing about \$250,000, he said. The car rally with participation from Britain. France, Switzerland, Australia and the United States - was the first to complete the route since 1907 when one went from Peking to Paris. "It was scary crossing the Gobi Desert (in China)," said Swiss Hans Aebi, driver of a 1920 Rolls-Royce silver ghost. "There was no road markings and you just had to find your way across

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#### Greeks 'too old to have children'

the shifting sands."

ATHENS (R) - Greece's population will drop sharply in coming years, causing severe problems for social security and pension funds, a population ex-pert has said. "Greece has become so old it can no longer have children." George Tziafetas, a statistics professor at Athens University, told a seminar on demographics organised by the Athens City government. The birth rate has fallen 30 per cent in the last nine years and if the trend continues the population will fall to eight million by the year 2050 from 10 million today, he said. At the present rate the fall in population will mean that by 2050 there will be the same number of people above and below 50 years old. The problem is already evident in the deficits in social security and pension funds. Soon no government will be able to cut these deficits because those eligible forpensions will be more than half of the eligible voters," Triafetas.

#### Saturday night fever ends early for disco-revellers

ROME (R) - The Italian cabinet has ordered discotheques and other night clubs to close at 2 a.m. in an attempt to cutdown Saturday night road deaths. On one weekend in February, 23 people were killed on Iralian roads in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday, most of them young people driving home from discos and night clubs, many of which currently stay open until dawn. The government is also planning to crack down on drunk en driving and limit the use of fast cars by young people. It has yet to set a maximum blood-alcohol level for drivers.

## reported Tuesday.

Soviets dismantle giant radar station Soviet Union has begun tearing down a giant Siberian tadar station that symbolised arms control mistrust with the United States. bringing a strategic ariffs agree-

ment dramatically closer. Soviet Foreign Ministry official Vitaly Churkin disclosed Monday night that dismantling had started ai, aours before President

Mikhail Gorbachev left Moscow on hir way to Canada and this Life reconsultation Co. . .... Scare preparauon we have started this work," Chur-

kin, a close adviser to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, told ABC television. President George Bush and Gorbachev hope to declare the new strategic arms reduction treaty (START) agreed in princi-

ning battles between rival politic-

al gangs which have flared up in

the past two days in South Afri-

ca's Natal province, police and

township monitors said Tuesday.

Police found nine bodies out-

side the town of Richmond,

bringing to 21 the number of

people killed in factional fighting

involving up to 400 people

BOGOTA (R) — Colombian

President-Elect Cesar Gaviria is

for his tough anti-narcotics poli-

cy. Colombians made clear they

Gaviria, 43, who has vowed to

fight the country's feared cocaine

barons to the finish, won 47.5 per

cent of the vote. He picked up

twice as many votes as his nearest

rival, right-wing candidate

held along with the elections,

voted overwhelmingly in favour

of establishing a constituent assembly to reform the creaking

constitution which dates back to

his victory speech Sunday night:

"This country must wake up and

assume responsibility for chang-

Gaviria echoed these desires in

Colombians, in a referendum

Ruling Liberal Party candidate

are impatient for reform.

Alvaro Gomez.

The bodies of 12 others killed

other issues remained to be worked out, but indicated the two leaders could now almost certainly declare an agreement in princi-

been a major negotiating point.
"All the most difficult 30-storey-high Krasnoyarsk radar (START) problems will have installation — described as large been settled by the time Mr. as an Egyptian pyramid — be-Gorbachev leaves Washington," came one of the most important symbols of superpower disagree-Churkin said minor details on ment on arms control. The Washington Post, quoting U.S. sources, said proof of the dismantling emerged only in "re-

ple on START by the end of the

Washington and Moscow have

U.S. Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) known as "star wars," to radars operated by the United States in Greenland and Britain, and to future adherence by both of them to the anti-ballistic mispie at the end of the summit talks sile (ABM) treaty.

also linked the complex to the missile (ABM) treaty limiting superpower nuclear defence abilionly on the Soviet Union's border and had to point outwards. cated 750 kilometres from the Chinese border in Siberia.

The START agreement limits

Natal violence claims 27

lives since weekend JOHANNESBURG (R) — At died in Natal since the start of the least 27 people have died in runters of Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) and the conservative Zulu-based In-

katha Movement. Local human rights monitors say the fighting has entered a cycle of uncontrollable feuding, revenge attacks and banditry which often has little to do with

politics. Two blacks were burnt to death inside their home and four others were killed as violence broke out in black townships near Natal's main cities of Pietermaritzburg

Proposed changes include res-

tricting the president's far-

reaching powers under a state of

in the fighting at Richmond were discovered Monday in a mass grave, police said. More than 1,000 people have and Durban. Colombia's president-elect

set to push through sweeping emergency, giving human rights constitutional reform which he guarantees, instituting congresbelieves is the only way to tackle sional reforms and making voting the country's deepest crisis in obligatory. recent history. Left-wing guerrilla groups are "We are going to give our institutions a historic shakeup ... demanding constitutional reform

promises sweeping change

as a precondition for peace talks institutions are no more than the with the government. necessary instruments for dealing Gaviria, who spent the day with problems," he said in a after his election victory playing victory speech. tennis and relaxing, was quickly Although a low turnout and reminded of the challenges he lack of an absolute majority for faces from armed rebels and from Gaviria in presidential elections drug traffickers waging a nine-Sunday deprived him of the unemonth-old war on the state. quivocal support he had sought

Guerrillas killed 11 people, including six policemen, and in-jured five in two ambushes on police vehicles after the polls closed Sunday evening. Rebels are also accused of having destroyed ballot boxes and harassed election officials.

Police in the cocaine headquar-

ters of Medellin, focus of the drug war, said gunmen shot dead three people and wounded four in a northeastern suburb-Judicial officials also said Guido Parra, a lawyer involved in mediation attempts between cocaine barons and the government, was freed at the weekend

on suspicion of aiding drug-related terrorism. Gaviria made clear in his speech that he intended to use the constituent assembly as a vehicle for changing institutions under attack from armed rebels.

after being detained on May 10

ing these institutions i. to do otherwise would be to adopt an attitude of defeat in the face of rebellion and criminality. In campaign speeches Gaviria has also called for special courts Many politicians and academics believe root-andto try drug traffickers and has branch reform of Colombia's outindicated he believes the cocaine moded institutions offers the only barons should be extradited to chance of making the country face trial in the United States more democratic and receptive to only as a last resort.

#### Evidence burned in Salvador **Jesuits** case

cent days.

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Possibly key evidence in El Salvador's probe into the slaying of six Jesuit priests last November may have

been destroyed, the court in charge of the case has said. Logs recording movements in and out of San Salvador's military academy on the night of the

murders were "suspected burnt" in the weeks following the crime. The court said the academy's then deputy director, Major Car-

los Camilo Hernandez, had ordered the destruction. One of the defendants in the murder, Lieutenant Yusshy Rene Mendoza, removed the books from the academy archive and, accompanied by four unidentified officer cadets, allegedly burned

them between Dec. 1 and Dec. 16 last year, it added. But President Alfredo Cristiani, speaking at a news conference shortly after the release of the court statement, said it was not clear whether the logbooks

He said Hernandez apparently had ordered Mendoza to make the books "available" but that their subsequent fate had not been determined.

had been burned.

Cristiani said he hoped the court would call Hernandez and Mendoza to testify on the ques-The logbooks could provide

key evidence on who was in the

military academy on the night of the killings. The academy is at the centre of the probe into the murder of the Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter during a major. offensive by leftist rebels last

Nov. 16. Eight soldiers, including Academy Director Colonel Guillermo Benavides, were arrested in January in connection with the murders. According to extrajudicial statements by the arrested sol-diers, including Mendoza, Be-navides ordered the murders dur-

ing a meeting at the academy on

the night of Nov. 15. Benavides has said he is innocent. The court said last month the books had disappeared and Cristiani subsequently ordered an investigation into their whereabouts. The probe has been heavily criticised over the loss of the evidence and lack of progress since the arrests in January.

KARAUL, USSR (AP) --- On a windswept hill fragrant with prairie sage, the daughter of a sheep rancher from the western United States passed photographs of nuclear bomb blasts to

.underground. Some 300 nuclear weapons opponents and the people of Karaul Sunday shared stories of death and disease that they blame on radiation caused by the

voters in more than four decades. | may have drifted across the bor-

der from above-ground testing in China until 1980. "My father died," one Kazakh in an embroidered cap said to

"My son was sick until he was 4 years old," she said. "He could not walk without falling down."

Soviet activists formed the Nevada-Semipalatinsk Anti-Nuc-

Soviet authorities have not agreed to a moratorium. But the activists' meeting apparently had

top-level approval, since the zone next to the test range is normally forbidden to foreigners. But police and security officials kept the group under tight control.

Four years later, her toen-aged

Isin's 5-year-old brother came down with a terrible headache and died. His father and another brother both died in their 30s, he